

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CERTIFICATE <sup>(1)</sup>**

**Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis der Höheren Lehranstalt für  
Garten- und Landschaftsgestaltung**

<sup>(1)</sup> In the original language

**2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN) <sup>(1)</sup>**

**Matriculation and Diploma Certificate of the College  
for Horticulture and Landscape Gardening**

<sup>(1)</sup> If necessary. This translation has no legal status.

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

- Planning and performing horticultural activities
- Planning and performing garden design and landscaping
- Developing soil analyses, fertilizing and use zoning plans
- Marketing horticultural products
- Evaluating economic and ecological data
- Evaluating biological systems in the areas of environment and land use planning
- Participating in Environmental Impact Assessment s(EIA)
- Managing tree nurseries, garden nurseries and floristry companies
- Planning worker and resource use (product and personnel management)
- Implementing quality-assurance measures for production processes (quality management)
- Developing and performing business plans and calculations (business management)
- Planning and performing projects (project management)
- Performing company and market analyses
- Creating marketing concepts
- Developing investment and finance concepts
- Implementing accounting, cost calculation and controlling
- Performing tasks of the forestry extension service
- Planning and performing individual and group advisory
- Giving advice in company reorganizations
- Communicating subject-specific and the mother tongue and in at least one modern foreign language
- Creating and performing presentations

**4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE <sup>(1)</sup>**
**Professional fields:**

Professions with a high level of self responsibility in horticultural production, landscaping, urban landscape design, marketing, tree nurseries, seed and fertilizer industry, garden techniques and trade, environmental advisory service and rural development, in the federal, state and municipal civil service as well as in the agricultural and forestry advisory service of the Chambers of Agriculture.

**Pursuit of regulated professions (see also [www.gewerbeordnung.at](http://www.gewerbeordnung.at)):**

In addition to the completion of the general requirements of a business practice the respective practice and/ or qualification examination certificates must be fulfilled for a self-employed occupation. The students are able to practice the profession in the gardening and florist business and manage a trade after fulfillment of the necessary requirements. After successful completion of the qualification examination a technical office for advisory service professions can be established.

<sup>(1)</sup> If necessary.

**(\*)Explanatory note**

This document has been developed with a view to providing additional information on individual certificates; it has no legal effect in its own right. These explanatory notes refer to the Council Resolution no. 2241/2004/EG of the European parliament and the Council of 15 December 2004 on a single Community framework for the transparency of qualifications and competences (Europass).

Any section of these notes which the issuing authorities consider irrelevant may remain blank.

More information on transparency is available at: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> or [www.europass.at](http://www.europass.at)

## 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<p><b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b> Educational institution recognized by the State of Austria, for address see certificate</p>	<p><b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b> Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research</p>
<p><b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> EQF/NQF 5 ISCED 55</p>	<p><b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b> 1 = excellent (excellent performance) 2 = good (good performance throughout) 3 = satisfactory (balanced performance) 4 = sufficient (performance meeting minimum pass levels) 5 = not sufficient (performance not meeting minimum pass levels) In addition, the overall performance at the final exam is rated as follows: Pass with distinction, Good pass, Pass, Fail</p>
<p><b>Access to next level of education/training</b>  Admission to all courses of study at universities, admission to all pedagogic Universities including the University for agriculture and environmental pedagogy; admission to academies. When starting studies at a respective academy the duration of studies can be shortened.</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ European Convention on the equality of matriculation certificates Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) no. 44/1957</li> <li>▪ Agreement on the recognition of qualifications in the university area in the European region, chapter IV, Federal Law Gazette (BGBl) III no. 71/1999</li> <li>▪ Training completed with this certificate is a regulated education and training programme in accordance with Article 11, point (c) (ii) of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications, as last amended by Directive 2013/55/EU. The level of training corresponds to point (c) of Article 11 of the Directive.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legal basis</b> Curriculum regulation: State Law Gazette. Nr. II 331/2004 current version. Regulation on Examinations BMHS, Federal Law Gazette II no. 177/2012 current version</p>	

## 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

1. Officially recognized school attendance and completion of matriculation and diploma examination
2. Extern student procedure according to the Examination Regulation for Extern Students Federal Law Gazette (BGBl). no. 362/1979 in the current version

**Additional information**

**Access:** successful completion of school year 8, entrance examination, if necessary.

**Duration of education:** 5 years

**Duration of company work placements:** 22 weeks in all

**Educational objectives:** Intensive five-year vocational education in general educational, specific-theoretical and specific-practical agricultural, horticultural and economic subjects. Imparting methods, competences and attitudes that enable the students to direct exercise of a vocation of a higher level in the areas of garden design and landscaping or in allied fields as well as to studies at a university. Further important goals are: skills of vocational mobility and flexibility, creativity, criticism, social and personal competences, learning competence, social engagement, ability to communicate in the mother tongue and in foreign languages.

**Subjects:** See curriculum of the matriculation and diploma certificate

**More information (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at:**

<http://www.certificate.at> or at <http://www.edusystem.at> or at <http://www.bmbwf.gv.at>

**National Reference Point:** [info@zeugnisinfo.at](mailto:info@zeugnisinfo.at)

**National Europass Center:** [europass@oead.at](mailto:europass@oead.at)