



<b>1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE) <sup>(1)</sup></b>
Diplom Operationstechnische Assistenz
<sup>(1)</sup> in original language

<b>2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN) <sup>(2)</sup></b>
Diploma Surgical Technical Assistant
<sup>(2)</sup> This translation has no legal status.

<b>3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES</b>
<p>Autonomous perioperative care of patients as well as assistance of the doctor during surgical procedures according to medical instructions</p> <p><u>Key tasks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• instrumentation in all surgical disciplines including preparation of the necessary instruments, devices and materials,</li> <li>• performance of surgery-specific bearings and positioning,</li> <li>• simple intrasurgical assistance,</li> <li>• preparation and coordination of workflows to establish the operational capability of an operating theatre unit for the performance of surgical interventions (, non-sterile assistance),</li> <li>• surgical documentation</li> <li>• preoperative and postoperative transfer of patient data considering the necessary procedures, preparation, disinfection and sterilization processes and measures in the context of the medical device cycle.</li> </ul> <p><u>Competence in emergencies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identification and assessment of emergencies and taking of appropriate measures</li> <li>• autonomous implementation of life-saving emergency measures as long as a doctor is not available, in particular cardiac pressure massage and ventilation with simple ventilators, defibrillation with semi-automatic devices or devices in semi-automatic mode, as well as the administration of oxygen; the immediate notification of a doctor must be arranged.</li> </ul> <p><u>Multi-professional cooperation:</u></p> <p>Maintenance of continuity of treatment, particularly concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hygiene management,</li> <li>• supply of preparations and explantates,</li> <li>• participation in quality and risk management (e. g. surgical checklists, team timeout, WHO checklists),</li> </ul> <p>participation in the planning of the operation,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• participation in the training and guidance of trainees,</li> <li>• participation in the further development of procedures, standards, process optimization, medical devices, approval procedures.</li> </ul> <p>Deployment in the emergency department and in the shock room, in endoscopy and in the processing unit for medical devices (AEMP) as part of the professional profile.</p>

<b>4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE <sup>(3)</sup></b>
<p>Employment with a legal entity of a hospital, a freelance doctor or a group medical practice, primary care unit</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of the Law on Temporary Employment of Workers (<i>Arbeitskräfteüberlassungsgesetz</i>), a professional practice in the field of surgical technical assistance is also allowed, subject to a quantitative limitation and the quality of the services provided.</p>
<sup>(3)</sup> if applicable

**(\*) Explanatory note**  
 The Certificate supplement provides additional information about the certificate and does not have any legal status in itself. Its format is based on the Decision (EU) 2018/646 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC.

<b>5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE</b>	
<b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b> School for medical assistant professions or School for Nursing or Specialised training course on surgical nursing	<b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b> Bundesministerium für Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz (Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection)
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> ISCED 454 Certificate pursuant to Article 11 (c) of the Directive 2005/36/EC	<b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b> Rating the <u>theoretical</u> and <u>practical</u> education and training: excellent (1); good (2); satisfactory (3); sufficient (4); not sufficient (5) <u>Overall rating</u> of the performance: pass with distinction; good pass; pass; fail
<b>Access to next level of education/training</b>	<b>International agreements</b>
<b>Legal basis</b> <i>Medizinische Assistenzberufe-Gesetz (MABG)</i> (Act on Medical Assistant Professions), BGBl. (Federal Law Gazette) I No. 89/2012 <i>OTA-Ausbildungsverordnung</i> (Ordinance on Education and Training for Surgical Technical Assistants), BGBl. (Federal Law Gazette) II No. 177/2022	

<b>6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE</b>
Education and training at Schools for Medical Assistant Professions or Schools for Nursing or Specialised Training Courses on Surgical Nursing Persons who are entitled to perform Operating Theatre Assistance may be admitted to the second year of education and training in Surgical Technical Assistance.
<b>Additional information:</b> <b>Access:</b> successful completion of the 10th school grade or an authorisation to perform Operating Theatre Assistance in accordance with the <i>MABG</i> , medical fitness, trustworthiness, knowledge of the German language <b>Duration of training:</b> 3 years (4 600 hours) <b>Theoretical training:</b> 1600 hours Topics: Principles of professional surgical assistance, infection theory, hygiene and sterile supply, anatomy and (patho-)physiology, fundamentals of pharmacology and anaesthesia, principles of patient care and care in the OR and in endoscopy, medical devices, equipment and radiation protection, work processes and tasks in the OR and in endoscopy, surgical techniques including surgical specialties and special instruments, interventional and diagnostic endoscopy, emergency and acute management, quality and risk management <b>Practical training:</b> 3000 hours <u>Mandatory fields of application:</u> visceral surgery, traumatology or orthopaedics, gynecology or urology, Medical Device Processing Unit (AEMP), emergency ambulance / shock room, endoscopy, nursing internship on a ward of a surgical specialty, elective internship <u>Optional fields of application:</u> further surgical fields <b>Principles of education and training:</b> The trainees shall be encouraged to interact responsibly as part of their education and training. They shall be enabled to achieve the highest possible degree of openness, tolerance and acceptance of the diversity of people's socio-cultural differences and to raise awareness of respect for the life, dignity and fundamental rights of every human being, irrespective of nationality, religion, colour, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, language, political opinion or social affiliation. In particular, awareness-raising should be sought for those affected by physical or psychological violence, such as children, women, people with disabilities or other vulnerable groups.
<b>More information</b> (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at: <a href="http://www.zeugnisinfo.at">www.zeugnisinfo.at</a> and <a href="http://www.bildungssystem.at">http://www.bildungssystem.at</a>
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