

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

**Zeugnis medizinischer Masseur / medizinische Masseurin**

<sup>(1)</sup> in original language

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

**Certificate Clinical Masseur**

<sup>(2)</sup> This translation has no legal status.

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

Performance of

- classic massage
  - pack applications (in particular, poultices, hot and cold packs)
  - thermotherapy (applying heat or coldness for therapeutic purposes, in particular by heat conduction, thermal radiation, energy transformation, heat removal)
  - ultrasound therapy (applying sound waves at a frequency of 20 kHz to 10 GHz for therapeutic purposes)
  - special massages (in particular, lymphatic drainage, reflex massage, acupoint massage)
- for therapeutic purposes on a doctor's orders and under instructions and supervision by a doctor or physiotherapist.

For blind masseurs:

Performance of

- classic massage
  - special massages
- for therapeutic purposes on a doctor's orders and under instructions and supervision by a doctor or physiotherapist.

**4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE<sup>(3)</sup>**

As an employee of

- hospitals or sanatoria
- other establishments under medical management or supervision that specialise in the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of diseases or in the nursing of persons needing care
- medical practitioners
- self-employed physiotherapists

**Pursuit of regulated professions on a self-employed basis:**

Upon notification of the district administrative authority according to Art. 46 of the *Medizinische Masseur- und Heilmasseurgesetz* (Clinical and Therapeutic Masseur Act), therapeutic masseurs are entitled to work on a self-employed basis.

<sup>(3)</sup> if applicable

**(\*) 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)

<b>5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE</b>	
<b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b> Training programme for clinical masseurs; for the address, see the certificate	<b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b> Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b>  ISCED 351 Certificate in terms of the Directive 2005/36/EC, Article 11 (b)	<b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b> <u>Theoretical instruction:</u> excellent (1); good (2); satisfactory (3); sufficient (4); not sufficient (5) <u>Practical training:</u> pass with distinction; good pass; pass; fail <u>Overall rating of the performance at the final examination:</u> pass with distinction; good pass; pass; fail
<b>Access to next level of education/training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training for therapeutic masseurs</li> <li>• Specialised courses on electrotherapy as well as hydrotherapy and balneotherapy</li> <li>• Qualified Medical Assistant</li> </ul>	<b>International agreements</b>
<b>Legal basis</b> <i>Medizinisches Masseur- und Heilmasseurgesetz</i> (Clinical and Therapeutic Masseur Act), BGBl. (Federal Law Gazette) I No. 169/2002, as amended <i>Medizinische Masseur- und Heilmasseur-Ausbildungsverordnung</i> (Ordinance on Training for Clinical and Therapeutic Masseurs), BGBl. (Federal Law Gazette) II No. 250/2003	

<b>6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training at a training programme for clinical masseurs under the <i>Medizinische Masseur- und Heilmasseur-Ausbildungsverordnung</i> (Ordinance on Training for Clinical and Therapeutic Masseurs)</li> <li>• short training course for masseurs (Certificate of Apprenticeship 'masseur')</li> <li>• short training course for clinical assistants</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional information:</b></p> <p><b>Entry requirements:</b> age of not less than 17 years; physical and mental fitness (blindness is not an obstacle to entry); trustworthiness; successful completion of the ninth school grade. The educational institution offering the training decides on admission.</p> <p><b>Duration of education:</b> 1,690 hours (module A and module B)</p> <p><b>Theoretical instruction</b> (including practical exercises): 815 hours <u>Subjects:</u> Module A: anatomy and physiology; hygiene; first aid and wound dressing; pathology; thermotherapy, ultrasound therapy and pack applications; therapeutic massage techniques Module B: health, labour and social security legislation; professions and institutions in the field of health care; documentation; environmental protection; pathology; introduction to communication; therapeutic massage techniques, including in-depth knowledge of special anatomy and pathology <u>Practical exercises:</u> various types of thermotherapy, such as ultrasound therapy or pack applications; application of classic and special massage techniques with particular reference to specific diseases and conditions</p> <p><b>Practical exercises:</b> 875 hours; various types of thermotherapy, such as ultrasound therapy or pack applications; massage techniques (classic massage, manual lymphatic drainage, reflex therapy and combinations thereof) with particular reference to diseases and conditions from the clinical areas of surgery, accident surgery, orthopaedics, rheumatology and geriatrics</p> <p><b>Education objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing the qualifications required for taking over and performing all activities covered by the profession</li> <li>- providing knowledge on the anatomy, development, functions and diseases of the human body in line with the fields of activities</li> <li>- promoting a basic mindset respecting the life, dignity and fundamental rights of all human beings irrespective of their nationality, ethnic or social origin, race, age, sex, language, religion or political opinion, and responsible, autonomous and humane treatment of healthy, disabled, diseased and dying people</li> <li>- providing knowledge and learning how to apply methods to maintain one's own health potential</li> <li>- providing knowledge on communication and co-operation in personal, technical and other socially relevant fields</li> </ul> <p><b>More information (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at:</b> <a href="http://www.zeugnisinfo.at">www.zeugnisinfo.at</a> and <a href="http://www.edusystem.at">www.edusystem.at</a></p> <p><b>National Europass Center:</b> <a href="mailto:europass@oead.at">europass@oead.at</a> Ebendorferstraße 7, A-1010 Wien; Tel. + 43 1 53408-684 or 685</p>