

1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE) ⁽¹⁾**Lehrabschlussprüfungszeugnis Einkäufer/Einkäuferin**⁽¹⁾ in original language**2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN) ⁽²⁾****Certificate of Apprenticeship 'Purchasing Agent' (f/m)**⁽²⁾ This translation has no legal status.**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES****Specialist areas of competence:****Purchasing**

The purchasing agent fulfils a variety of tasks in operational purchasing on the basis of his/her knowledge of the operational purchasing and logistics process as well as on the basis of his/her goods-specific knowledge. His/her area of responsibility includes market research, purchase planning, negotiations with suppliers and their selection, the administration of supplier contracts as well as the comparison and evaluation of offers. He/she is also responsible for calculations, ordering goods, receiving goods and checking invoices. The purchasing agent monitors delivery dates. In case of defective deliveries, he/she takes measures in accordance with the legal and operational requirements. The purchasing agent deals with enquiries, complaints and claims competently and in accordance with legal and operational requirements. In addition, the purchasing agent knows the storage requirements of the products in his/her area of responsibility, can assist with storage, monitor and manage stocks, take measures in accordance with the operational requirements in the event of deviations, and help shape the allocation of products for further operational processes or for sales. To perform his/her tasks, he/she uses, among other things, the workplace's merchandise management system, interprets the information and is able to identify the need for changes. The purchasing agent can also carry out his/her tasks as part of projects (e.g. in connection with the introduction of new products).

Office management

The purchasing agent fulfils a variety of tasks within the scope of operational communication. This also includes letter and e-mail correspondence. He/she is also able to undertake schedule management and organise discussions, meetings and business trips.

Operational accounting

The purchasing agent carries out work in operational accounting on the basis of his/her knowledge in the individual sub-areas of accounting. In bookkeeping, this includes organisation of supporting documents and the checking of supporting documents. He/she is also able to participate in operational payment transactions. In addition, the purchasing agent carries out tasks within the scope of data preparation (determination of key figures and preparation of statistics).

Interdisciplinary areas of competence:**Working in an operational and professional environment**

The purchasing agent has basic knowledge of the operational range of services and of business, economic and ecological connections in order to organise and carry out his/her activities efficiently and sustainably. He/she acts self-competently, socially and methodically within the operational structure and process organisation and works on the tasks assigned to him/her in a solution-oriented manner appropriate to the situation based on his/her understanding of intrapreneurship. In addition, he/she communicates in a manner appropriate to the target group, also in English to suit the job, and acts in a customer-oriented manner.

Quality oriented, safe and sustainable work

The purchasing agent applies the principles of operational quality management and is involved in the further development of operational standards. He/she reflects on his/her own approach and uses the knowledge gained from this in his/her area of responsibility. The purchasing agent observes the legal and operational regulations for his/her personal safety and health at work and acts appropriately in the event of accidents and injuries. Within the scope of his/her area of responsibility, he/she considers significant ecological effects of his/her activity and therefore acts in a sustainable and resource-saving manner.

Digital work

The purchasing agent selects and efficiently uses the most suitable digital equipment, operational software and digital

forms of communication for his/her tasks within the framework of the legal and operational requirements. He/she digitally obtains the internal and external information necessary for the processing of tasks. The purchasing agent acts purposefully and responsibly based on his/her digital competence. This includes in particular the sensitive and secure handling of data in compliance with legal and operational requirements (e.g. General Data Protection Regulation).

4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE ⁽³⁾

Range of occupations:

Employment including in production, service and trading companies of all sectors

⁽³⁾ 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 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).

More information on Europass is available at: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> or www.europass.at

5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE	
Name and status of the body awarding the certificate Lehrlingsstelle der Wirtschaftskammer (Apprenticeship Office of the Economic Chamber; for the address, see certificate)	Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate Bundesministerium für Digitalisierung und Wirtschaftsstandort (Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs)
Level of the certificate (national or international) NQF/EQF 4 ISCED 35	Grading scale / Pass requirements Overall performance: Pass with Distinction Good Pass Pass Fail
Access to next level of education/training Access to the <i>Berufsreifeprüfung</i> (i.e. certificate providing university access for skilled workers) or a vocational college for people under employment. Access to relevant courses at a <i>Fachhochschule</i> (i.e. university level study programme of at least three years' duration with vocational-technical orientation); additional examinations must be taken if the educational objective of the respective course requires it.	International agreements Between Germany, Hungary, South Tyrol and Austria, international agreements on the mutual automatic recognition of apprenticeship-leave examinations and other vocational qualifications have been concluded. Information on equivalent apprenticeship occupations can be obtained from the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs.
Legal basis 1. Training regulation for purchasing agent BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 53/2020 (company-based training), examination regulation of the commercial-administrative apprenticeship occupations BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. II 203/2021 2. Curriculum framework (education at the vocational school for apprentices) 3. The present apprenticeship trade replaces the apprenticeship trade for purchasing agent (training regulation BGBl. II [Federal Law Gazette] No. 7/2004), which expired as of 30.04.2020.	

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE
1. Training in the framework of the given training regulation for purchasing agent and of the curriculum of the vocational school for apprentices. Admission to the final apprenticeship examination upon completion of the apprenticeship period specified for the apprenticeship trade concerned. The final apprenticeship examination aims to establish whether the apprentice has acquired the skills and competences required for the respective apprenticeship trade and is able to carry out the activities particular to the learned trade herself/himself in an appropriate manner. 2. Admission to the final apprenticeship examination in accordance with Article 23 (5) of the <i>Berufsausbildungsgesetz</i> (Vocational Training Act). An applicant for an examination is entitled to sit the final apprenticeship examination without completing a formal apprenticeship training if she/he has reached 18 years of age and is able to prove acquisition of the required skills and competences by means of a relevant practical or an on-the-job training activity of appropriate length, by attending relevant courses etc.
Additional information: Entry requirements: successful completion of 9 years of compulsory schooling Duration of training: 3 years Enterprise-based training: Enterprise-based training comprises $\frac{4}{5}$ of the entire duration of the training and focuses on the provision of job-specific skills and competences according to Article 2 of the training regulation, BGBl. II (Federal Law Gazette) No. 53/2020, enabling the apprentice to exercise qualified activities as defined by the profile of skills and competences specified above. Education at vocational school: School-based education comprises $\frac{1}{5}$ of the entire duration of the training. The vocational school for apprentices has the tasks of imparting to apprentices the basic theoretical knowledge, of supplementing their enterprise-based training and of widening their general education in the framework of subject-oriented part-time instruction. More information (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at: www.zeugnisinfo.at and www.edusystem.at National Europass Center: europass@oead.at Ebendorferstraße 7, A-1010 Wien; Tel. + 43 1 53408-684