

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

**Jahres- und Abschlusszeugnis der landwirtschaftlichen Fachschule - Fachrichtung Gartenbau**

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

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

**Final examination certificate of the Agricultural Vocational School - Training focus: Horticulture**

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

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

- Subject-specific communication and presentation in the mother tongue and in a foreign language
- Proper and targeted First Aid application
- Applying basic knowledge in the area of information technologies
- Applying basic business knowledge, e.g. decisions on financing, company- and employee management, recognizing business and national-economic relationships
- Knowledge of the economic, cultural, social and ecological significance in the fields of production and service-industry horticulture
- Knowledge of business accounting (e. g. revenue and expense statement, double bookkeeping; cost accounting, investment and financing calculation, specialities in agricultural and industrial horticulture)
- Knowledge about the work organization in horticultural companies
- Plant knowledge in the area of flowers and ornamental plants, vegetables, herbs, woods and shrubs
- Knowledge about the system: soil and its interrelationships with plants, about the growth factors
- Knowledge about responsible plant protection measures
- Skills and knowledge in the production and marketing of horticultural products such as flowers and ornamental plants, vegetables and herbs, woods and shrubs
- Skills and knowledge in the horticultural service industry of horticulture and landscaping (planning, creation and care of parks)
- Skills and knowledge in the horticultural service industry of floristics (materials, techniques, types of design, floral design with an occasion and thematic emphasis)
- Skills and knowledge in the area of garden technique (structure and function, operation, use, maintenance and care of machines, devices and other technical equipment)

**4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE <sup>(1)</sup>**
**Range of occupations:**

Employee in the fields of production horticulture (e.g. flower and ornamental plant nurseries, vegetable nurseries, tree nurseries, shrub nurseries), of service industry horticulture (e.g. companies of horticulture and landscape design, athletic field construction companies, cemetery gardening, flower shops) and of specialized semi-horticultural trade (e.g. flower retail trade, gardening center, seeds and plant trade)

**Pursuit of regulated professions on a self-employed basis (see also [www.gewerbeordnung.at](http://www.gewerbeordnung.at)):**

With or without qualifying certificate: garden service, cemetery gardening

<sup>(1)</sup> in applicable.

**(\*) Explanatory note**

This document is designed to provide additional information about the specified certificate and does not have any legal status in itself. The format of the description is based on the following texts: Council Resolution 93/C 49/01 of 3 December 1992 on the transparency of qualifications, Council Resolution 96/C 224/04 of 15 July 1996 on the transparency of vocational training certificates, and Recommendation 2001/614/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 July 2001 on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers. More information on transparency is available at: <http://europass.cedefop.eu.int/> or <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> State Government</p>
<p><b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> EQF/NQF 4 ISCED 3B</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> Access to the matriculation examination for professionals, to an advanced training course or to a secondary school for professionals. Access to post-secondary educational institutions whereby additional exams are to be taken, if required by the educational target in the relevant studies</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities, BGBl. Nr. 44/1957</li> <li>▪ Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region, Section IV, BGBl. III Nr. 71/1999</li> <li>▪ This certificate attesting to successful completion of (training at) this school (specialized school [Fachschule], business school [Handelsschule]) is considered equivalent to a certificate within the meaning of Article 11 point (b) of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legal basis</b> Curriculum regulation: State Law Gazette. Nr. 119/1993 current version (Carinthia); State Law Gazette Nr. 5025-1 (Lower Austria); State Law Gazette Nr. 92/1997 current version (Upper Austria)</p>	

6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

Education in the framework of the given curriculum at an agricultural vocational school, training focus: horticulture

**Additional information:**

**Entry requirements:** completion of the compulsory first 8 school years, if necessary entrance examination

**Duration of education:** 3-4 years

**Education objectives:** 4 years of intensive vocational education in general education, professional, vocational- theoretical, vocational-practical subjects. Imparting thought processes as well as behaviour in work and decision processes that qualify the degree holders to direct practice in the professional field of horticulture. Further significant goals are: personality development, the capability of vocational mobility and flexibility, creativity, criticism, social commitment and communication in the mother tongue and in the foreign language.

**More information (including a description of the national qualification system) is available at:** <http://www.zeugnisinfo.at>

**National Europass center:** [info@zeugnisinfo.at](mailto:info@zeugnisinfo.at)