

## 1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (DE) (1)

**Abschlussprüfung im staatlich anerkannten Ausbildungsberuf  
Polsterer/Polsterin**

(1) in original language

## 2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)(1)

**Final examination in the state-recognized training occupation  
Upholsterer (m/f)**

(1) This translation has no legal status.

## 3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- Select and process textile materials and auxiliary materials, leather, synthetic leather, wood and wood derivatives, plastics and metals with reference to their intended purpose and economic efficiency
- Develop documentation for the production procedure and acquisition of technical data on the work process and the end products
- Finish surfaces by applying staining, colouring and coating agents
- Set up, operate, monitor and maintain machinery and plants
- Handle production data acquisition and evaluation systems and electronically controlled equipment in machinery and plants
- Prepare upholstery bases by manufacturing and inserting load-bearing and elastic sections
- Mount sprung bases and sprung interior and cover the springs
- Develop cutting patterns and cuts which make economic use of the covering material available
- Manufacture upholstered elements and mattresses using a range of upholstery techniques
- Cover upholstered elements using a range of techniques for dividing and shaping the upholstered surfaces
- Restore upholstered furniture according due consideration to style eras and the aesthetic effect
- Carry out decorative works and fit semi-finished elements
- Assess quality and initiate quality assurance measures
- Accord due consideration to the basic principles of health and safety at work and health and environmental protection

## 4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE (1)

Upholsterers mainly work in companies engaged in the upholstery industry, some are also employed in the craft trades upholstery sector (interior decoration craft trade) and in mattress production.

(1) if applicable

### <sup>(\*)</sup> Explanatory notes

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 2001/613/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: [www.europass.cedefop.eu.int/transparency](http://www.europass.cedefop.eu.int/transparency)

## 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b> Chamber of Industry and Commerce	<b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b> Chamber of Industry and Commerce
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> ISCED 3B	<b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b> 100-92 points = 1 = excellent 91 - 81 points = 2 = good 80 - 67 points = 3 = average 66 - 50 points = 4 = pass 49 - 30 points = 5 = poor 29 - 0 points = 6 = fail  A total of at least 50 grade points are required to pass the examination.
<b>Access to next level of education / training</b> Certified industrial foreman specialised in upholstery, master craftsman qualification in interior decoration	<b>International agreements</b> In the field of vocational training, joint declarations on the comparability of qualifications obtained in the respective vocational training systems have been signed on the basis of bilateral agreements concluded between Germany and France and between Germany and Austria.
<b>Legal basis</b> Ordinance on Initial Vocational Education and Training in the Occupation of Upholsterer (m/f) of 02/13/1997 (Federal Law Gazette, Part I, p 246) Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, KMK, of 21.11.1996), (Federal Gazette, No 198a of 23.10.1997)	

## 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

Final examination administered by the competent body: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. after completion of dual training in a company and at part-time vocational school (normal procedure)</li> <li>2. after retraining in a recognized training occupation</li> <li>3. as an external examination for working people without formal vocational qualifications or persons who have been trained at full-time vocational schools or other vocational training institutions</li> </ol>
<b>Additional information</b>  <b>Entry requirements:</b> Entry requirements are not governed by legislation; as a rule, young people are admitted after completing (nine or ten years of) general education. <b>Duration of training:</b> 3 years. <b>Training in the "dual system":</b> Teaching of the knowledge, skills and competences needed for an occupation is based on the typical requirements of work and business processes and prepares the trainees for a specific job. <b>The training is provided in a company and at part-time vocational school:</b> In the company, the trainees acquire practical skills in a real working environment. On one or two days per week, the trainees attend part-time vocational school, where they are taught general and vocational knowledge related to their training occupation.  <b>More information</b> is available at: <a href="http://www.berufenet.arbeitsagentur.de">www.berufenet.arbeitsagentur.de</a>  <b>National Europass Centre</b> <a href="http://www.europass-info.de">www.europass-info.de</a>