

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

**Gesellenprüfung im staatlich anerkannten Ausbildungsberuf  
Orthopädiemechaniker und Bandagist/ Orthopädiemechanikerin und Bandagistin**

(1) in original language

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

**journeyman's examination in the state-recognized training occupation Orthopaedic  
technician (m/f) and truss maker (m/f)**

(1) This translation has no legal status.

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

- Advise customers on provision of orthopaedic aids
- Provide follow-up care for patients
- Service and repair prostheses, technical supports or rehabilitation aids
- Measure and set deformities, malformations and amputation stumps
- Prepare positive models of body parts and cast parts for prostheses, technical supports and seat shell
- Construct and assemble technical supports and prostheses
- install and adjust mechanical, hydraulic and electronically controlled components and joints for prostheses and technical supports
- Carry out dynamic and other tests on orthopaedic aids
- Adapt technical supports, prostheses and electronically controlled prostheses to individual requirements
- Set up rehabilitation equipment, finish prefabricated and individually tailored rehabilitation and treatment systems and adapt them to individual requirements
- Develop individual solutions for the construction of mechanical orthopaedic aids and of orthopaedic aids using biomechanical, myoelectronic and electronic control units
- Carry out fitting and adjusting of prostheses, technical supports and other orthopaedic aids on the body.

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

Orthopaedic technicians and truss makers find employment opportunities in the health service within such areas as specialist retailers of orthopaedic aids. They may also be employed in orthopaedic departments at clinics or doctors' practices.

(1) if applicable

**(\*) 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.

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## 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b>  Chamber of Crafts and Trades	<b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b>  Chamber of Crafts and Trades
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b>  ISCED 3B German Qualifications Framework (DQR) level 4 (alignment is preliminary pursuant to "German Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning" - German EQF - Referencing report of 15 November 2012). Published by: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Berlin and Bonn; Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs - KMK), Berlin)	<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>  Master craftsman qualification in orthopaedic technology	<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 Orthopaedic technician (m/f) and truss maker (m/f) of 06/14/1996 (Federal Law Gazette, Part I, p 847) Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, KMK, of 09.05.1996), (Federal Gazette, No 192a of 12.10.1996)	

## 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

Final examination administered by the competent body:

1. after completion of dual training in a company and at part-time vocational school (normal procedure)
2. after retraining in a recognized training occupation
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

### Additional information

**Entry requirements:** Entry requirements are not governed by legislation; as a rule, young people are admitted after completing (nine or ten years of) general education.

**Duration of training:** 3,5 years.

#### Training in the "dual system":

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. **The training is provided in a company and at part-time vocational school:** 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.

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