

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

**Abschlussprüfung im staatlich anerkannten Ausbildungsberuf  
Tierwirt/ Tierwirtin - Fachrichtung Imkerei**

(1) in original language

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

**Final examination in the state-recognized training occupation Animal caretaker –  
specialising in apiculture**

(1) This translation has no legal status.

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

- Produce and market honey, wax and other bee products according due consideration to trade-specific regulations and quality standards
- Implement and document measures for compliance with hygiene regulations in the manufacture and marketing of bee products
- Breed, keep and market queen bees
- Feed and keep animals using farm-specific systems and methods
- Clean, disinfect and maintain animal accommodation
- Conduct preventive health measures and care for sick animals following veterinary instructions and according due consideration to hygiene specifications
- Assess bee populations before overwintering begins, or at the end of overwintering, and systematically conduct the necessary measures
- Assess swarming behaviour and apply methods to prevent swarming
- Develop and maintain young populations
- Conduct bee migrations and pollination tasks
- Plan and document work, specify working steps, take measures to protect safety and health and safety at work, monitor and evaluate work results
- Carry out quality assurance measures
- Use communication and information technologies both internally within the company and when dealing with customers
- Use machines, devices and operating materials, make use of operating facilities
- Manage, maintain and repair machines, devices and operating facilities.

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

Animal caretakers specialising in apiculture work in farming operations, in particular on beekeeping farms, in associations and institutions, in agricultural training institutes, in specialist beekeeping trade operations, in honey and wax processing operations, in queen breeding and pollination operations, and for market traders.

(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

<p><b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b></p> <p>competent body for vocational education and training in agriculture</p>	<p><b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b></p> <p>competent body for vocational education and training in agriculture</p>
<p><b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b></p> <p>ISCED 354 This qualification corresponds to Level 4 of the German and European Qualifications Framework; cf. publication from 1 August 2013 (BAnz AT 20/11/2013 B2)</p>	<p><b>Grading scale / Pass requirements</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>A total of at least 50 grade points are required to pass the examination.</p>
<p><b>Access to next level of education / training</b></p> <p>Master craftsman qualification in animal husbandry – specialising in apiculture</p>	<p><b>International agreements</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Legal basis</b></p> <p>Ordinance on Initial Vocational Education and Training in the Occupation of Animal caretaker – specialising in apiculture of 05/17/2005 (Federal Law Gazette, Part I, p 1426) Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK) of 18.03.2005 (Federal Gazette AT 11.10.2005 192a) amendment ordinance of 23.02.2006 (Federal Law Gazette, Part I, p 465)</p>	

## 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

<p>Final examination administered by the competent body:</p> <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>
<p><b>Additional information</b></p> <p><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.</p> <p><b>Duration of training:</b> 3 years.</p> <p><b>Training in the "dual system":</b> The knowledge, skills and competences delivered in a training occupation are based on the typical requirements of work processes and prepare the trainees for a specific job as well as for further qualifications. <b>The training is provided in a company and at vocational school:</b> Trainees spend 75% of the duration of training in the company. Here they acquire practical skills in a real working environment. Trainees complete 25% of training time in vocational school where they are taught general and vocational knowledge as it relates to their training occupation.</p> <p><b>More information</b> is available at:  <a href="http://www.berufenet.de">www.berufenet.de</a>  <a href="http://www.europass-info.de">www.europass-info.de</a></p>