

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

**Zeugnis über die staatliche Prüfung der beruflichen Pflegeausbildung  
Pflegefachfrau/Pflegefachmann**

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

**Certificate of the state examination of vocational nursing training  
for the occupation of registered nurse**

This translation has no legal status

**3. PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**

Qualified nurses possess the necessary skills to meet all the nursing needs of people in every age group. They are able to conduct acute inpatient care and deal with outpatient nursing situations autonomously, comprehensively and in a process-oriented manner.

They are able to perform the following tasks in particular:

- Investigate and identify individual nursing requirements, establish a care plan and organise, structure and manage the nursing process
- Carry out and document care including preventative and health promotion measures
- Analyse, evaluate, develop and sustain the quality of nursing care
- Advise, instruct and support patients and their carers in addressing issues regarding health and illness, maintaining and strengthening independent living arrangements and the ability to cope with day-to-day activities
- Activate, restore, foster, stabilise and maintain the individual capabilities of patients within the scope of rehabilitation concepts and in circumstances where cognitive abilities are impaired
- Instigate immediate life-saving measures whilst awaiting the arrival of a doctor and initiate suitable actions in situations of crisis and disaster
- Instruct, advise and support other occupational groups and volunteers involved in nursing situations
- Implement measures of medical diagnostics, treatment or rehabilitation prescribed by a physician
- Employ interdisciplinary communication and cooperation with other occupational groups at a professional level to develop individual, multi-disciplinary and interprofessional solutions for medical conditions and nursing needs and implement these solutions as part of a team
- Develop and justify their personal understanding of nursing in an ethically responsible manner
- Initiate appropriate measures for health and safety at work
- Work in a cost-effective, environmentally friendly and sustainable way
- Use information and communication technologies as necessary.

**4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Qualified nurses work in facilities where preventative, curative, rehabilitative, palliative and social care measures are provided in order to maintain, nurture (or promote), restore or improve the physical and psychological situation of patients of all ages, in institutions where guidance and support is offered across all phases of life and for those individuals needing end-of-life care. Such institutions particularly comprise hospitals, care homes, outpatient nursing services, residential units, rehabilitation clinics, healthcare support services, elderly people's welfare, child welfare, youth welfare and family welfare organisations and integration assistance providers. In addition, they also find employment in psychiatric institutions, private households, information, guidance and assessment centres, as well as in schools and nursery schools and with local government authorities.

**(\*) Explanatory notes**

The Certificate supplement provides additional information about the certificate and does not have any legal status in itself.

Its format is based on 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) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC.

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## 5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

<p><b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b></p> <p>The authorities responsible for the implementation of this law (Nursing Professions Act, PflBG, § 49) are determined by the federal states.</p> <p>(see certificate for precise address)</p>	<p><b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b></p> <p>Competent authority (of the federal state)</p>
<p><b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b></p> <p>ISCED 354</p> <p>DQR/EQF 4</p> <p>This qualification corresponds to Level 4 of the German and European Qualifications Framework; cf. publication from 1 August 2013 (Federal Gazette, Official Section [BAnz AT] 20.11.2013 B2)</p>	<p><b>Grading scale/pass requirements</b></p> <p>The final state examination comprises of written, oral and practical parts. The competencies stated in Annex 2 of the Training and Examination Ordinance for the Nursing Professions (PflAPrV) must be demonstrated in the vocational education and training.</p> <p>Examination performances are awarded marks. Account is taken for prior grades given during training, but a minimum mark of "pass" must be achieved in each part of the examination ("pass" is a mark which indicates some deficiencies but that the necessary requirements have been met in overall terms).</p> <p>1 = excellent (a performance which meets requirements to an exceptional degree)</p> <p>2 = good (a performance which fully meets requirements)</p> <p>3 = satisfactory (a performance which generally meets requirements)</p> <p>4 = pass (a performance which exhibits some deficiencies but which meets requirements in overall terms)</p>
<p><b>Access to next level of education/training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced specialist training courses (governed by federal state law) in individual areas of nursing care or for specific task areas (e.g. practical instructor, manager/head of nursing services)</li> <li>• Higher education study in nursing, nursing science, nursing education, nursing management or ANP (Advanced Nursing Practice)</li> <li>• Extended training for medical tasks</li> </ul>	<p><b>International agreements</b></p> <p>The qualification Certified Nurse is automatically recognised in the EU (EU Directive 2005/36/EU).</p>
<p><b>Legal basis</b></p> <p>Nursing Professions Act (PflBG) of 17 July 2017 (Federal Law Gazette, BGBl., Part I p. 2581), last amended by Article 9a of the law of 11 July 2021 (BGBl., Part I p. 2754).</p> <p>Training and Examination Ordinance for the Nursing Professions (PflAPrV) of 2 October 2018 (BGBl., Federal Law Gazette, BGBl., Part I p. 1572), last amended by Article 10 of the law of 19 May 2020 (BGBl., Part I p. 1018).</p>	

## 6. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE

<p>Passing the final state examination after</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completion of vocational education and training in the occupation of certified nurse in accordance with Part 2 of the Nursing Professions Act (PflBG) in conjunction with §§ 9 - 24 of the Training and Examination Ordinance for the Nursing Professions (PflAPrV)</li> </ul> <p>A recognition procedure pursuant to §§ 40 - 43 PflBG in conjunction with §§ 43 - 48 PflAPrV</p>
<p><b>Additional information</b></p> <p><b>Entry requirements (in Germany):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate secondary school leaving certificate or another certificate recognised as being equivalent thereof, or</li> <li>• Lower secondary school leaving certificate or other certificate recognised as being equivalent in conjunction with evidence of successful completion of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a course of vocational education and training of at least two years' duration, or</li> <li>○ successful completion of a nursing assistant or auxiliary training course which is governed by federal state law, which is of a minimum duration of one year and which fulfils certain minimum requirements (Federal Gazette, Official Section [BAnz AT] 17.02.2016 B3) or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Successful completion of ten years of other general school education</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of training:</b> 3 years full-time or a maximum of 5 years part-time</p> <p><b>More information</b> is available at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.pflegeausbildung.net">www.pflegeausbildung.net</a>  <a href="http://www.berufenet.de">www.berufenet.de</a>  <a href="http://www.europass-info.de">www.europass-info.de</a></p>