

Certificate Supplement

1. Legally protected title of the qualification

Podologe / Podologin mit Fähigkeitszeugnis (FZ)

2. Translated title of the qualification

Podiatrist Assistant
Diploma of Vocational Education and Training

3. Profile of skills and competences

. Holders of this qualification provide foot care, in particular for foot skin, toes and toenails. They use specialised tools and instruments to carry out basic and standardised procedures to protect, maintain and improve the mobility and well-being of their patients.

They work independently using their acquired skills, which include the ongoing assessment of treatment results, the adjustment of procedures and administrative tasks. They may provide services to patients from high-risk groups as defined by the Swiss Podiatrists Association (SPV) only under the supervision of podiatrists who have obtained an Advanced Federal Diploma of Higher Education.

They have comprehensive knowledge of orthopaedic disorders of the foot, and of systemic diseases that can affect the foot skin and toenails, such as diabetes mellitus. They assess podiatric treatment needs and suggest treatment options taking into account their own skills and knowledge of complex interrelationships. If necessary, they may involve other specialists or refer patients to a specialist.

They communicate respectfully and professionally with patients, colleagues in their field and other health professionals.

4. Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the qualification

Podiatry practices, hospitals, old-age and nursing homes

5. Official basis of the qualification

Name and status of the national authority responsible for issuing the qualification:

- Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung ABB, Postplatz 2, 9494 Schaan, Liechtenstein
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Level of the qualification (national or international):

National Qualifications Framework for the VPET system:	Level 4
European Qualifications Framework:	Level 4



Grading scale/Pass requirements:

- 6 = very good
- 5 = good
- 4 = satisfactory
- 3 = unsatisfactory
- 2 = poor
- 1 = unusable

Minimum passing grade: 4

Legal basis of the qualification:

- Verordnung vom 26. Februar 2013 über die berufliche Grundbildung Podologe/Podologin
- Verordnung über den Nationalen Qualifikationsrahmen für Abschlüsse der Berufsbildung vom 27. August 2014 (RS 412.105.1)

6. Officially recognised ways of acquiring the qualification

Training for the VET Diploma: Podiatrist lasts 3 years. Training content is usually distributed across two different learning locations: classroom instruction at a vocational school and apprenticeship training at a host company. However, depending on the VET programme, learners will also attend branch courses at a branch training centre. Professional competences required for the given occupation are decided by the sponsor of the VET programme.

- Host companies provide learners with practical skills associated with the occupation. Learners usually work an average of 4 day(s) per week.

- Vocational schools provide classroom instruction in vocational subjects and subjects falling under the category of language, communication and society (LCS). Learners usually attend classes an average of 1 day(s) per week; total number of lessons: 1080.

- Branch training centres provide learners with additional skills that are intended to complement classroom instruction and apprenticeship training, total duration of branch courses: 18 days.

The qualification procedure and final examination includes the following:

- Practical project covering 5 hours
- (Written and/or verbal) testing of knowledge gained from vocational instruction covering 4.5 hours
- LCS

The calculation of the overall grade takes into account the grades obtained for individual areas of competence and the grades obtained from classroom instruction at the vocational school .

Other equivalent qualification procedures are possible.



National referencing body:
AIBA

This certificate supplement draws its legal basis in Article 4 paragraph 1 of the Ordinance of 27 August 2014 on the National Qualifications Framework for Vocational and Professional Qualifications (NQF-VPO-O, SR 412.105.1). This certificate supplement follows the model recommended by the European Parliament and Council (Decision No. 2241/2004/EC). The purpose of the certificate supplement is to provide sufficient data to improve the international transparency and fair professional recognition of qualifications (diplomas, certificates etc.). It describes the nature, level, context, content and type of training and education pursued and successfully completed by the individual named on the original qualification to which this supplement is appended. The certificate supplement is free from value judgements, equivalence statements or recommendations on recognition.

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