

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS (BERUFSBILDENDE SCHULEN)

Entrance requirements (Eingangsvoraussetzung)	Educational track / type of school				Qualification / entitlement
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Conclusion of a vocational training contract under the 'dual system'	<b>Vocational school (Berufsschule)</b> (2 – 3 ½ years) under the 'dual system'				Vocational qualification combined with: → lower secondary / <i>Hauptschule</i> school-leaving certificate → <i>Realschule</i> school-leaving certificate → extended junior secondary level school-leaving certificate → general technical college / university of applied sciences entrance qualification ( <i>allgemeine Fachhochschulreife</i> )
Generally no school-leaving certificate	<b>Introductory vocational school (Berufseinstiegsschule)</b> (1 year) (Pre-vocational training year, introductory vocational year) Preparing pupils for vocational training programmes				(If applicable) <i>Hauptschule</i> school-leaving certificate
School-leaving certificate from a lower secondary school ( <i>Hauptschule</i> ) or from an intermediate secondary school ( <i>Realschule</i> )	<b>a) Specialist vocational school (Berufsfachschule)</b> (1 or 2 years) providing training in one or more different vocational fields  <b>b) Berufsfachschule</b> (2 – 3 years) leading to a vocational qualification				→ <i>Realschule</i> school-leaving certificate → Extended junior secondary level school-leaving certificate → <b>b)</b> Additionally: vocational qualification
Transfer to university preparatory level ( <i>gymnasiale Oberstufe</i> ) of upper secondary school ( <i>Gymnasium</i> ) or extended junior secondary level school-leaving certificate	<b>Vocational upper secondary school (berufliches Gymnasium)</b> (3 years)				General higher-education entrance qualification ( <i>allgemeine Hochschulreife</i> )
After <i>Berufsschule</i> with vocational training under the 'dual system', or <i>Berufsfachschule</i> with a vocational qualification, students can obtain:					
rowspan="2"> <i>Berufsschule</i> qualification, vocational qualification and <i>Realschule</i> school-leaving qualification <sup>2</sup>	<b>Vocational school at upper secondary level (Fachoberschule)</b> , Year 12 (1 year)				General qualification entitling holder to study at a <i>Fachhochschule</i> ( <i>allgemeine Fachhochschulreife</i> )
<b>Vocational school at upper secondary level (Berufsoberschule)</b> , Year 13 (1 year)				→ Subject-specific higher-education entrance qualification ( <i>fachgebundene Hochschulreife</i> ) or → general higher-education entrance qualification ( <i>allgemeine Hochschulreife</i> )	
<i>Berufsschule</i> qualification, vocational qualification and <i>Realschule</i> school-leaving qualification, as well as (generally) work experience	<b>Fachschule</b> (1 – 2 years) Vocational school providing continuing in-depth vocational training				→ Higher-level vocational qualification → <i>allgemeine Fachhochschulreife</i>

<sup>1</sup> In combination with a complementary course (*Ergänzungsbildungsgang*)

<sup>2</sup> Students without a *Berufsschule* qualification can also attend **Year 11 at Fachoberschule**; in this case transition to *Berufsoberschule* is not possible