

# OBERSTUFENZENTRUM – EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

(secondary level VET-centers)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PREPARATION	REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	QUALIFICATION
Theoretical and vocational training course leading to a regular VET-programme (IBA)	no school-leaving certificate required	1 year	IBA certificate, BBR eBBR, MSA
VOCATIONAL TRAINING	REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	QUALIFICATION
Vocational school and practical in-company training (Dual education)	apprenticeship contract with a company	2 years, 3 years, 3½ years	vocational qualification, BBR eBBR, MSA, qualification for university of applied sciences after 3½ years
Berufsfachschule (BFS)	BBR or eBBR or MSA	2 years, 3 years	vocational qualification, eBBR, MSA, entrance qualification for university of applied sciences
Berliner Ausbildungsmodell (BAM)	on recommendation by JBA <sup>1</sup>	1 year	apprenticeship contract
UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	QUALIFICATION
Berufliches Gymnasium (bGym)	MSA + recommendation for Gymnasium	3 years	entrance qualification to general higher education (Abitur)
Fachoberschule (FOS1)	MSA + completed vocational training / 5 years of work experience in a specific field	1 year	entrance qualification for university of applied sciences (FHR)
Fachoberschule (FOS2)	MSA + specific grade point average in core subjects (Maths, German, English) or recommendation for Gymnasium	2 years	entrance qualification for university of applied sciences (FHR)
Fachoberschule (FOS13)	following FOS 2, grade point average (2.8 or better) entitles to enroll at university of applied sciences	+ 1 year	subject-specific entrance qualification for university of applied sciences (fgHR), Abitur
Berufsoberschule (BOS)	MSA <sup>2</sup> + completed vocational training <sup>3</sup> / 5 years of work experience in that field	2 years	entrance qualification for university of applied sciences, fgHR, Abitur
FURTHER VOCATIONAL TRAINING	REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	QUALIFICATION
Fachschule (FS)	MSA + completed vocational training, further admission requirements depend on the particular school	2 years, 3 years, 4 years	qualification for further education

<sup>1</sup> The recommendation for participation in this programme is based on specific criteria

<sup>2,3</sup> Final grade MSA not below average in German, Maths and English or specific grade point average required on the vocational school certificate

## EXPLANATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

### FOS Fachoberschule

The entrance qualification for studying at universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulreife) can be acquired at the Fachoberschule. In the FOS13, the subject-linked higher education entrance qualification can be obtained. With proof of a second foreign language skills: entry qualification to higher education.

### FS Fachschule

The Fachschule serves the purpose of vocational training and further education. Upon successful completion of the programme, students can obtain general higher education entrance certificate.

### BOS Berufsoberschule

In the Berufsoberschule, the entrance qualification for the subject-linked higher education entry certificate can be acquired; with proof of second foreign language skills: general higher education entry certificate.

### BS Vocational Secondary School (Berufsschule)

Vocational schools impart practical job-related and cross-occupational skills within dual education (vocational school + apprenticeship).

### BFS Berufsfachschule

The subject-specific vocational secondary school offers full time vocational training.

### BAM Berliner Ausbildungsmodell

This programme intends a quick transition to an apprenticeship contract.

### IBA Integrated preparation for vocational training

This programme prepares students for vocational education and training and also enables students to obtain additional qualifications.

### bGym Berufliches Gymnasium

At the vocational grammar school students can obtain the entrance qualification to higher education.

## EXPLANATIONS OF QUALIFICATIONS

**BBR** Vocational qualification

**eBBR** Advanced vocational qualification

**MSA** Intermediate School Leaving qualification

**FHR** Entrance qualification for university of applied sciences

**fgHR** Subject-specific entrance qualification for university of applied sciences

**Abitur** Entrance qualification to higher education