

Gaining qualifications through dual vocational education



The **ADDITIONAL LESSONS** for the **FHR** take place e.g. on two evenings with two double lessons each in the following subjects:

- Mathematics
- English language
- Natural sciences
- Economy / Politics
- German language



- ESA** Initial general school leaving certificate
- MSA** Intermediate school leaving certificate
- FOS** Technical secondary school
- FHR** Applied science college entry qualification
- BOS** Higher vocational college
- AHR** General university entry certificate*

*2nd foreign language not passed: Subject-specific university entry certificate

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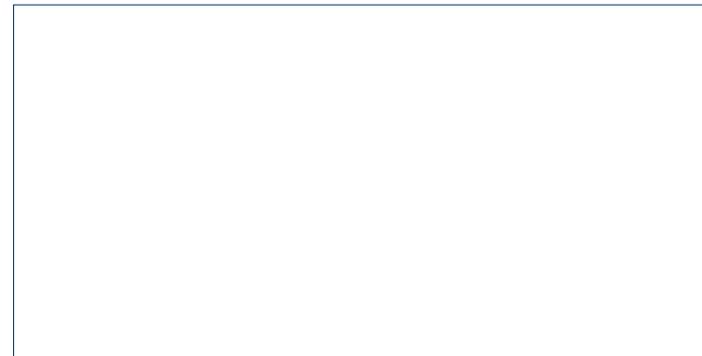
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Legal bases / sources:

<https://www.gesetze-rechtsprechung.sh.juris.de/>

- Schleswig-Holsteinisches Schulgesetz (SchulG) dated 24 January 2007, last amended by the law of 21 March 2024.
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Education creating additional prospects

School graduation with dual vocational education



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Education which creates additional prospects

You might ask yourself whether you would rather attend school or do practical work? Why not both? Dual vocational education combines practical training and theoretical schooling and thereby offers prospects up to the university entry qualification (Abitur). The **dual vocational education** is a concept admired worldwide. Other countries, such as Hungary, are in the process of introducing the concept.

The **advantage of dual vocational education:** You will acquire a professional qualification and with the appropriate school performance, a general educational qualification to go with it. At professional colleges you can gain, based on a dual vocational education, all **general educational qualifications** up to the university entry qualification (**Abitur**). Advancing through education, including university study, is also possible by way of vocational training.

The acute lack of qualified personnel in various professions provides you with excellent career opportunities through vocational training and even subsequent university study by acquiring the necessary school leaving qualification.

This leaflet is intended to inform you, your parents and your teachers about the options for acquiring **general educational qualifications** through **vocational educational training** and in particular in the context of **dual vocational educational training**. We want to demonstrate that the dual vocational education creates additional prospects.



How do I obtain a training placement?

A **work experience**, an extended **internship** or the **information offered** by the **Bundesanstalt für Arbeit (Federal Labour Office)**, the **job centre**, the **chambers of commerce** and the **youth employment agencies** may help to find the right profession. Once you found it, apply to a suitable company. A phone call or an e-mail is the first step in getting an appointment, if you are not already familiar with the company through an internship.



Dual vocational education

A **dual vocational education** takes place in concurrently at a **training company** and at the **vocational school or vocational training centre**. The duration of training in such a state-recognised occupation is typically two, three, or three and a half years.

The teaching of practical professional skills and the **implementation of the theoretical knowledge** take place within the **training workplace** where the trainees work three or four days a week.

You will attend the relevant **vocational school** on one or two days a week. In some professions classes are combined into larger time units (block teaching) with a duration of one week to three months.

During the training you will take an **intermediate exam**; the training ends with a **final exam**.

Initial general school leaving certificate

Even **without an educational qualification** you can find a training placement! There is no legal basis requiring a specific educational qualification as a condition for a **dual vocational education**. Of course, with an educational qualification your chances improve.

Companies are desperate to find trainees, therefore you should also try finding a training placement if you have **no school leaving certificate**.

If you start a dual vocational education **without a school leaving certificate**, you will acquire a school leaving certificate equivalent to the **Initial general school leaving certificate (ESA)**, even if you should fail the final professional exam of the responsible chamber of commerce.

You acquire a vocational education certificate if your achievements in all subjects and areas of learning were evaluated at least as "adequate".

Intermediate school leaving certificate (MSA)

If you start a dual vocational education **without the intermediate school leaving certificate**, then your vocational education certificate at the end of the training includes a **qualification equivalent to the intermediate school leaving certificate (MSA)** if:

- You **successfully completed** the dual vocational education,
- You attended the **vocational college** appropriately and completed the course with a total average of marks of at least **"satisfactory"** (3.0), and
- You can demonstrate at least **five years of foreign language skills** and your mark is at least "pass" (4.0) in the report.

This MSA also provides the option to attend a sixth form college, e.g. a vocational high school.

University of applied science college entry qualification (FHR)

There are two paths leading to the University of applied sciences entrance qualification:

1. If you start a dual vocational education of at least three years with the **intermediate school leaving certificate (MSA)**, you have the option to attend additional classes already **during your training**. These take place in the evening, in the afternoon or on a Saturday. At the end of the **course** there is a **separate exam for gaining the University of applied sciences entrance qualification**.

2. After **successful completion of the dual vocational education** you can acquire the **University of applied sciences entrance qualification** at the **technical secondary school (FOS)** within one year. The FOS is attended full-time. You may be entitled to student grant (BaFöG).

University entrance qualification

With the University of applied sciences entrance qualification you can acquire the **General university entry certificate**, equivalent to the university entry exam (Abitur), at an **upper vocational school (BOS)**, within one year. The education is full-time and you may be entitled to student grant (BaFöG).

The **University of applied sciences entrance qualification** entitles you in all states of the Federal Republic of Germany to study at universities of applied sciences and with the **General university entrance certificate** you may additionally study at universities/higher educational institutions.

Tip: If you are already learning a second foreign language at school prior to the dual vocational education, you don't have to repeat it at the FOS/BOS for the AHR.

