# Vocational Training Schools (Berufsbildende Schulen)

## Entrance Requirements (Eingangsvoaussetzung)

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<th>Educational Track / Type of School</th>
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| Vocational School (Berufsbildende Schule) (2 – 3 ½ years) under the ‘dual system’ | Vocational qualification combined with:  
  → lower secondary / Hauptschule school-leaving certificate  
  → Realschule school-leaving certificate  
  → extended junior secondary level school-leaving certificate  
  → general technical college / university of applied sciences entrance qualification (allgemeine Fachhochschule/fe)

| Introductory Vocational School (Berufseinstiegschule) (1 year)  
Pre-vocational training year, introductory vocational year  
Preparing pupils for vocational training programmes | Vocational qualification combined with:  
→ Lower secondary / Hauptschule school-leaving certificate  
→ Realschule school-leaving certificate  
→ Extended junior secondary level school-leaving certificate  
→ b) Additionally: vocational qualification

| Specialist Vocational School (Berufsfachschule) (1 or 2 years)  
Providing training in one or more different vocational fields | General qualification entitling holder to study at a Fachhochschule (allgemeine Fachhochschulreife)

| Vocational Upper Secondary School (Berufliches Gymnasium) (3 years) | General qualification entitling holder to study at a Fachhochschule (allgemeine Fachhochschulreife)

After Berufsschule with vocational training under the ‘dual system’, or Berufsfachschule with a vocational qualification, students can obtain:

- Berufsschule qualification, vocational qualification and Realschule school-leaving qualification
- Vocational School at upper secondary level (Fachoberschule), Year 12 (1 year)  
→ Subject-specific higher-education entrance qualification (fachgebundene Hochschulreife) or  
→ general higher-education entrance qualification (allgemeine Hochschulreife)

- Berufsschule qualification, vocational qualification and Realschule school-leaving qualification, as well as (generally) work experience
- Vocational School at upper secondary level (Berufsoberschule), Year 13 (1 year)  
→ Higher-level vocational qualification (allgemeine Fachhochschulreife)

1. In combination with a complementary course (Ergänzungsbildungsgang)
2. Students without a Berufsschule qualification can also attend Year 11 at Fachoberschule; in this case transition to Berufsoberschule is not possible