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Verhoilu- ja sisustusalan perustutkinto, 120 ov, verhoilualan koulutusohjelma/osaamisala, verhoilija (FI)

Tutkinnon perusteiden voimaantulopäivä 1.8.2009

TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE QUALIFICATION (EN)

Vocational Qualification in Upholstery and Interior Decoration, 120 credits, Study Programme/Competence Area in Upholstery, Upholsterer (EN)

Requirements of the Qualification entered into force on 1st August 2009

This translation has no legal status.

PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Composition of the qualification

The compulsory modules of the Study Programme/Competence Area in Upholstery for candidates specialising as Upholsterers are **sewing** (15 cr.), **padding** (20 cr.) and **upholstery** (25 cr.). The qualification includes optional modules that support vocational specialisation, such as **industrial upholstery, furniture upholstery, traditional upholstery, company-specific furniture upholstery, vehicle upholstery and specialised vehicle upholstery**. Furthermore, the Study Programme allows candidates to choose modules from other vocational, further and specialist qualifications. In addition, students on curricular (school-based) upper secondary VET programmes may also take qualification modules developed to meet the needs of the local world of work. The total scope of vocational qualification modules is 90 credits (scopes do not apply to competence-based qualification modules). In addition, students on curricular (school-based) upper secondary VET programmes must take 20 credits of core subjects and 10 credits of free-choice qualification modules. Students may individually choose modules to expand the qualification.

Vocational skills and competences required for completion of the qualification

Those who have completed the qualification shall:

- understand integrated wholes and upholstery working processes;
- be able to make use of their good sense of shape and style as well as imagination and perception skills;
- be able to identify materials, their properties and potential applications;
- know how to remove old coverings and upholster pieces of furniture smoothly, economically and in compliance with instructions;
- know how to choose appropriate upholstery materials for a specific piece of furniture and measure, make patterns and cut materials;
- know how to make fabric, webbing and steel-wire bases and sew fixed and loose covers;
- know how to prepare a tender for an upholstery job;
- know how to work in compliance with occupational safety instructions and maintain their working and functional capacity;
- be able to work in compliance with the principles of business operations and sustainability;
- be able to function proactively, co-operatively and in a quality-conscious and service-oriented manner;
- know how to draw up the necessary messages and work reports, making use of information technology;
- be able to assume responsibility for their own work, assess their own work performance and develop their vocational skills;
- be able to manage in work-related interactive situations in both national languages and in one foreign language.

Upholsterers who have completed the industrial upholstery module shall:

- know how to sew furniture, make patterns and cut and shape covering and padding materials;
- be capable of precision and consistent quality in their work.

Upholsterers who have completed the furniture upholstery module shall:

- know how to design upholstery, sew, pad and cover pieces;
- be able to make use of modern technology, machinery and equipment.

Upholsterers who have completed the traditional upholstery module shall:

- know how to repair and restore old furniture;
- command traditional craft methods.

Upholsterers who have completed the company-specific furniture upholstery module shall:

- know how to upholster pieces in line with the practices of a specific company;
- be able to make use of the company's tools and equipment in upholstery work;
- repair furniture frames and renew surface treatments.

Upholsterers who have completed the vehicle upholstery module shall:

- be able to take the special requirements of vehicles into account;
- know how to handle various upholstery materials diversely.

Those who have completed the specialised vehicle upholstery module shall:

- know how to perform their chosen type of specialised work, such as upholstering antique or museum vehicles;
- know how to apply specialised upholstery techniques and repair metal and plastic components;

- be able to document and record layers of upholstery found in old pieces.

RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE

Those who have completed the qualification may work as upholsterers for the furniture and other industries operating in the field, in small enterprises, museums or as independent self-employed people and entrepreneurs.

OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

Name and status of the body awarding the certificate <i>A vocational education and training provider authorised by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The qualification certificate for an upper secondary vocational qualification completed as a competence-based qualification is awarded by the Qualification Committee appointed by the National Board of Education.</i>	Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate <i>Ministry of Education and Culture Finnish National Board of Education, a central administrative board operating under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture</i>
Level of the certificate (national or international) <i>EU classification level 3 Upper secondary level, ISCED 3</i>	Grading scale/Pass requirements <i>Excellent 3 Good 2 Satisfactory 1 Lowest acceptable performance 1</i>
Access to the next level of education/training <i>The qualification confers eligibility to continue at higher education institutions.</i>	International agreements
Legal basis <i>Vocational Education and Training Act (630/1998); Vocational Education and Training Decree (811/1998) Vocational Adult Education Act (631/1998); Vocational Adult Education Decree (812/1998)</i>	

OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED WAYS OF OBTAINING THE CERTIFICATE

By virtue of statutes, the qualification certificate may be obtained in one of three ways:

1. The qualification may be completed as upper secondary vocational education and training, where the studies primarily take place at an educational institution. The education and training also include practical studies at the educational institution as well as studies at a workplace with a scope of at least 20 credits. The qualification certificate is awarded by the education provider with an authorisation granted by the Ministry of Education and Culture to provide education and training.
2. The qualification may be completed as a competence-based qualification, where vocational skills are assessed regardless of how they have been acquired. The qualification certificate is awarded by the Qualification Committee appointed by the National Board of Education.
3. The qualification may be completed as apprenticeship training. In this case, 70–80% and 30–20% of studies take place at a workplace and at an educational institution respectively. The student has a fixed-term contract of employment. The qualification certificate is awarded by the education provider or by the Qualification Committee.

Entry requirements

The syllabus of basic education (primary and lower secondary levels) or a corresponding previous syllabus in curricular upper secondary vocational education and training.

Competence-based qualifications may be completed irrespective of how the vocational skills and competences have been obtained. No formal entry requirements have been specified for those participating in competence tests.

Additional information

Learning outcomes are assessed nationally by field, either based on samples or covering all students. The Finnish National Board of Education is responsible for national assessments of learning outcomes.

The statutory teaching qualifications required in upper secondary vocational education and training are a higher education degree and pedagogical studies with a scope of 35 credits. In addition, teachers of vocational studies are required to have three years of experience in their teaching field.

More information (including a description of the national qualifications system) is available at: www.oph.fi/info/recognition.

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(*) Explanatory note

This document is designed to provide additional information about the specified certificate and does not have any legal status in itself. The format of the description is based on the following texts: Council Resolution 93/C 49/01 of 3 December 1992 on the transparency of qualifications, Council Resolution 96/C 224/04 of 15 July 1996 on the transparency of vocational training certificates, and Recommendation 2001/613/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 July 2001 on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers.

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