

# Handling of a Diploma Thesis Abroad

## What is a diploma thesis?

A diploma thesis can be carried out instead of a part of a "Reifeprüfung" (Reifeprüfung Certificate and VET Diploma) and has to be done by two candidates on their own time. It begins at the end of the fourth form with six weeks of work placement in the company and ends in May of the following year. Both sides, the school as well as the company, monitor the process permanently.

## Which topics will be addressed?

Since the HTL-Steyr is made up of three departments - the Mechatronics Department, the Computer Science and Electronics Department and the Automotive Engineering Department - there is a large variety of technical topics and enormous technical expertise available. Individual interests of the students are appreciated and can be carried out in the diploma thesis.

## What do we expect from our partners?

The company will bear the costs of travelling expenses and accommodation for six weeks. Additionally, the candidates will earn some pocket money.

At first, the costs of the period of vocational adjustment seem to increase, but this will usually be over-compensated by the candidates' results after three weeks.

## What are the benefits for our partners?

In 90 percent of all diploma theses there is an increase in value for the companies involved. If you compare the achievement of the students with the labour costs, there will be a plus on the balance sheet for the company. Furthermore, every student has extensive support from the school's staff, who consists of forty-six master craftsmen, eleven engineers, twenty-seven diploma engineers, six doctors of technique and forty-three bachelors.

If your company needs personnel, you can judge the students better than any assessment centre, because they can be assessed on how they achieve goals under difficult conditions over the entire period of a year.

## What are the benefits for the students?

The students have to take care of everything themselves, so they are well prepared for their follow-up tasks. Since English plays an important role as a leading work language, the students are able to get to know a new working environment as well as a new cultural background.

## What are the benefits for the HTL-Steyr?

The collaboration between companies and our institution enhances our reputation. Even students from outside Steyr and from abroad attend our school. Due to the fact that only good students get the possibility to do a diploma thesis abroad, the younger classes are motivated and strive to reach that level as well.

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