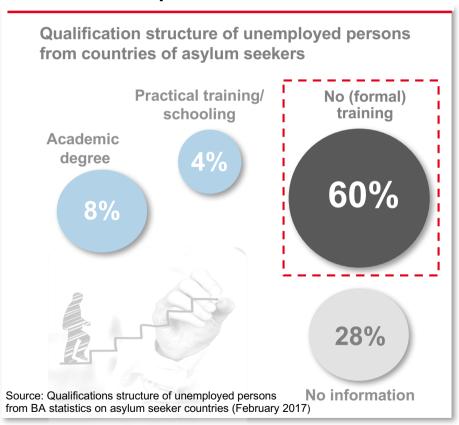


and using them for placement, trainings and apprenticeships

On the German job market, a lack of formal qualifications often means a job in unskilled labor

In Germany, a lack of formal qualifications ...



... means a job in unskilled labor

The employment market in Germany is highly dependent on formal academic and professional certification

- Often no dual educational system outside Germany
 - → no certification for acquired competencies

Hindrance to career allocation

- For those without formal training, especially migrants and refugees, but also low-skill German citizens
 - → currently no way to use non-formal/informally acquired competencies

Result: Potential is lost, and skilled workers spend their lives performing low-skill jobs

Solution "MySkills" - initiated as response to close gaps in the capture of job skills

 Goal: Differentiated competencies identified within profession profiles to increase transparency and enable qualified placement or the arrangement of further vocational training

- Development of 30 technology-based, standardized tests to capture relevant competencies and to improve career advisory and job market integration for lowskill persons
- Key features of tests: Supported by pictures and videos
- Coverage of most relevant professional competencies among refugees and low-skill German citizens
- Available in six languages: German, English, Modern Standard Arabic, New Persian, Turkish, and Russian

"MySkills" tests identify skills acquired non- and informally; making their utilization possible

Clients get test results on their skills and competencies ...



Selfassessment

Client assesses own nonformal/informal skills during advisory session





Testing

Placement staff forwards client for competence testing in one or more professions





Skill identification

Test results confirm skills and support placement



... and placement/integration staff are able to make differentiated decisions



Confirmation for placement staff that clients' self-assessments are valid



Improved credibility in placement with employers



Possibility to concretely develop training/qualification paths



Training
Education
Job placement

Testing helps clients, BA placement staff, and employers

Clients

- ✓ Assessment of job-related skills
- ✓ Effective, tailored advisory
- ✓ Integration support

Placement staff

- √ Validation of self-assessments
- ✓ Goal-oriented advisory and decision aid for additional measures
- ✓ Assessment of existing job/professional skills in writing as an alternative to a formal degree



- ✓ Insights for suitable placement
- ✓ Placement recommendations that are an exact fit with the respective client (job seeker)

Employers

Draft test was discussed with placement staff in January and is currently being revised







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Skills assessment: Test result provides step-by-step evaluations of required actions

Profession: Salesperson

Example

Action 1:

Providing service, advisory, and sales

Action 2: Cashier

Action 3:

Providing customer service

Action 4:

Performing promotional activities

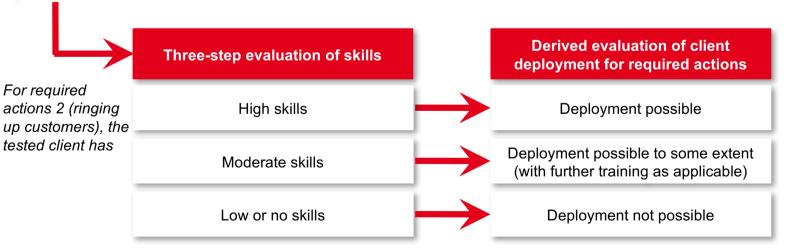
Action 5:

Performing merchandise management processes

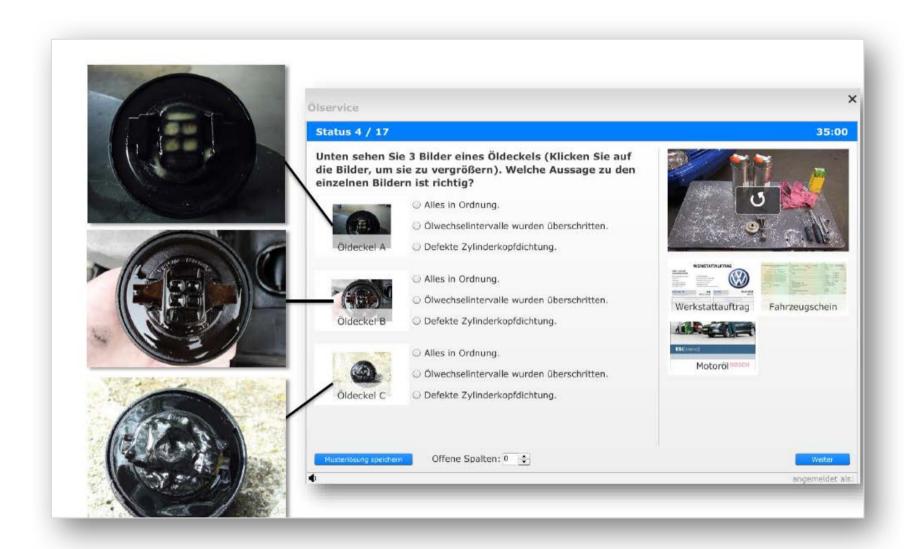
Skills required for work as a salesperson:

- For setting up the workplace (e. g., adherence to hygiene rules)
- For checking youth IDs and similar (e.g., familiarity with rules on the protection of minors and whether ID must be checked)
- For offering various types of payment (e. g, procedure for payment with EC card)

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Example: Skills-identification tests for Motor Vehicle Mechanic



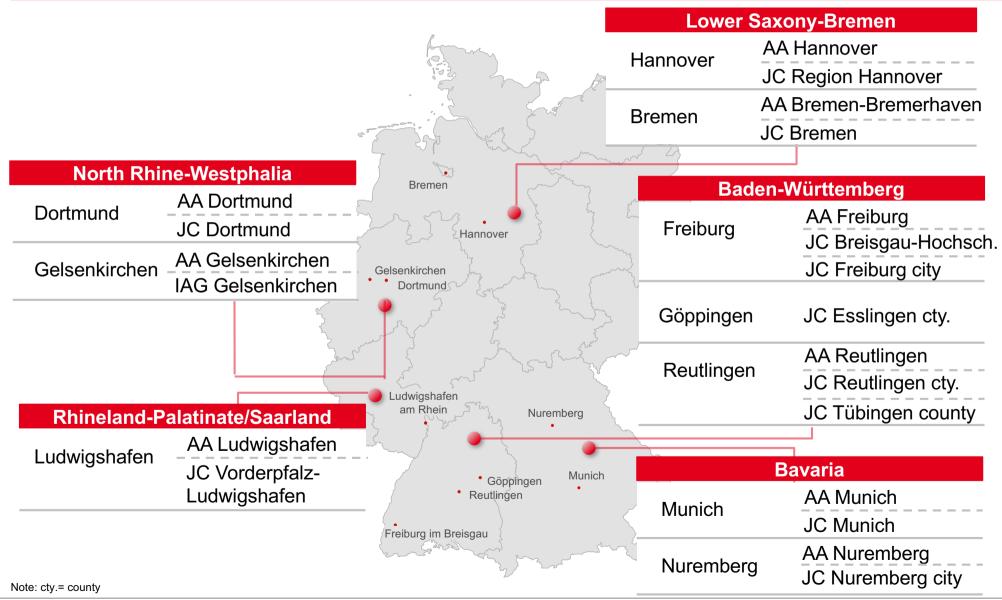
Competence tests for reference jobs in "MySkills—Recognizing Professional Competencies"

Profession	Piloting	Profession	Piloting	Profession	Piloting
Mechatronics technician (vehicle technology)	19 Dec. 2016	11 Construction (masonry)	*	Machine & equipment operator (metals technology)	*
2 Salesperson	27 Dec. 2016	Installations (sanitary, heating, and climate control)	*	Underground construction (road building)	*
3 Farmer	27 March 2017	13 Elderly care	*	Furniture, kitchen, and moving specialist	*
4 Cook	3 April 2017	14 Tailor	*	Food salesperson (bakery)	*
Metals technology (construction technology)	18 April 2017	15 Hairdresser	*	25 Plumber	*
6 Carpenter	*	16 Baker	*	Process mechanic (plastics/rubber technology)	*
7 Hospitality	24 April 2017	17 Warehouse clerk	*	27 Housekeeper	*
8 Interior construction (tiles, mosaic, prefabricated elements)	*	18 Driver/trucker	*	Gardener (horticulture and landscaping)	*
9 Building and object coater	08 May 2017	IT specialist (system integration)	*	29 Building cleaner	*
Electronics technician (energy and building technology)	*	Industrial electrician (operating technology)	*	30 Food processing technology	*
			* Fi	inal timing TBD Pilotin	ng begun

Note: The focus of testing for the respective profession is noted in parentheses, where applicable



Piloting phase: Ten locations piloting tests since December 2016



In the framework of "MySkills," 30 tests will be developed, piloted, and operatively launched by April 2018



Test development

- Staggered development of **30 tests** in different reference professions
- Professions under development
- Tests available in six languages: German, English, Modern Standard Arabic, New Persian, Turkish, and Russian



Piloting

- Staggered piloting at 10 locations (AA/JC) in 5 regional directorates: North Rhine-Westphalia, Lower Saxony-Bremen, Rhineland Palatinate-Saarland, Baden-Württemberg, and Bavaria
- Testing conducted by BA's psychology service



Broad introduction

- Integration in standard operations starting October 2017
- Successive training of all BA integration, placement, and advisory staff
- Setup of necessary technical interfaces

As of June 2016

As of December 2016

As of Q3 2017

Bv Q1 2018



Project support

- Quality assurance for testing by **scientific commission**
- As of December 2016: Monitoring of piloting phase by research. Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training
- Starting 2018: **Evaluation of project success** by an independent institute