

Impressions of our apprentice

Luca Hänggeli began last year his apprenticeship in refrigeration engineering at Frigo-Consulting in Bern and started just now his second year of apprenticeship. He tells us his experiences and impression in the interview.



Luca Hänggeli, 2nd year of apprenticeship, Frigo-Consulting, Bern

Would you introduce yourself?

I'm Luca, 17 years old. In my free time I play ice hockey at EHC Brandis and I also like being a referee (of course in ice hockey). I also like to meet with my friends.

Now you have your first year of apprenticeship behind you. How was your career start?

The beginning was quite hard. The first 2-3 months I had difficulties with the change from school to work (less leisure time). After that it became better and I got used to the working hours.

Review 1st year of apprenticeship: What are your impressions and experiences? Does it correspond to your expectations?

At the beginning I thought „see how it comes“. I wasn't sure if it is the right thing. After Christmas I realized that it is the thing I want to do. There were moments in the beginning where it wasn't always exciting. But I tried to show interest and most of the times the situation changed.

How did you get to this trade? Where did you hear the first time of refrigeration engineering?

It was 2 years ago when I heard the first time of it, in fact from my father. He is heating technician and thought, refrigeration engineer could be something for me.

What do you like about this apprenticeship?

I like the project work. This means, there is always something new and different tasks. I also like the CAD (computer-aided design) drawing a lot.

What do you like less?

At the beginning it were the working hours. 8.5 hours a day is a quite big change to the school hours. Otherwise there is nothing (until now), that I don't like.

What are your tasks? And which tasks do you like the most?

To my tasks belongs primarily the CAD drawing. Sometimes I help with the design of boosters and gas coolers. I like to do the CAD drawing.

What are the biggest challenges?

When something with the drawing doesn't work it can be quite difficult and exhausting to find the solution. My biggest challenge until now was, when I had to calculate on my own a composition of

services and the refrigeration demand for a project. I succeeded, though.

Do you have any expectations to the 2nd year of apprenticeship?

I expect additional tasks next to the CAD drawing for learning more and that I continue having fun at it.

To whom would you recommend refrigeration engineering? And what kind of skills should this person have in your opinion?

To those who like to draw and who have a spatial imagination. Also, they should like and appreciate planning and developing something on their own.

Do you already know, what you want to do after your apprenticeship?

My wish and purpose is to become a parachute scout (military).

Thank you for your time. We wish you further on a lot of pleasure and satisfaction in your apprenticeship.