Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Professional driver (Berufskraftfahrer/in)

Berufskraftfahrer / Berufskraftfahrerin

You transport goods or passengers safely: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, in road freight or passenger transport.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3 years**	**B2**	**€1,114 to €1,290**
required	36 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

We are by your side from day one until you arrive in Germany.

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a professional driver does

They drive lorries or coaches, check their vehicle before departure, secure the load or welcome passengers, and follow road rules in Germany and abroad.

Check

Check the engine, brakes and general condition of the vehicle before each departure, then after the trip.

Load and secure

Spread the weight of the load, fasten it properly and check the transport documents.

Drive

Drive a heavy goods vehicle or coach safely, following traffic rules and protecting the environment.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you enjoy driving and can stay focused on the road
- ✓ you are reliable and respect rules and schedules
- ✓ you can cope with working alone for long hours
- ✓ you like dealing with customers or passengers

Less suitable if...

- – you dislike sitting for long periods of time
- – you want fixed working hours that never change
- – you handle delivery deadline pressure badly

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

06:00 **Vehicle check** : Checking the engine, brakes, tyres and documents before leaving the depot.

07:00 **Loading and securing** : The goods are spread across the lorry and then secured with straps.

08:30 **Departure and driving** : The route is planned around traffic, breaks and the driving rules.

11:30 **Compulsory break** : Rest time is respected and recorded under the social rules for road transport.

13:00 **Delivery to the customer** : Unloading, handing over documents and a courteous exchange with the recipient.

16:00 **Return and report** : Post-trip check, reporting any faults and entering the day's paperwork.

Driving heavy vehicles | Checks and routine upkeep | Securing loads | Transport documents | Route planning | Traffic regulations | Concentration | Reliability | Sense of responsibility | Independence | Courtesy

THE TRAINING

How the Ausbildung works

In Germany you learn by working: this is the “dual system”. You are an employee of a company and a student at a vocational school (Berufsschule) at the same time.

3 to 4 days a week at the company | **1–2 days school**

Year 1

Vehicle and safety

- How vehicles work and are checked
- Traffic rules
- Loading basics

Year 2

Transport and road

- Load securing and weight distribution
- Route planning
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Independence

- International traffic rules
- Dealing with customers
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) before the end of the 2nd year, covering the first 18 months. The final exam has a practical part of up to 5 hours in total (driving a heavy vehicle, vehicle checks, preparing a transport) and three written papers. You obtain the Abschlusszeugnis of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK).

YOU ARE PAID DURING THE TRAINING

What you need to apply

- ✓ Baccalaureate level is required.
- ✓ The required level is B2. Good technical vocabulary for the trade is a real plus.
- ✓ The job means long periods seated at the wheel, plus loading and securing movements. Driving safely calls for alertness and good physical condition.

Documents to prepare

- ✓ CV and cover letter in German
- ✓ Translated baccalaureate diplomas and transcripts
- ✓ German B2 level certificate

AFTER THE TRAINING

Where it can lead

STRAIGHT AWAY

Qualified driver

Jobs in freight transport, logistics, waste collection or passenger transport.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Specialised driver

Special transport, long distances or guiding new drivers within the company.

LONGER TERM

Meister für Kraftverkehr

After the Fortbildung, manage a vehicle fleet and lead a team of drivers.

YOUR PATHWAY WITH CAMPUS GERMANY

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1

CHECK MY ELIGIBILITY

Take the test online or at the office

The eligibility test is done online on our website, or by visiting our Douala office directly.

2

TALK TO AN ADVISOR

Talk to our team

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3

PREPARE YOUR GERMAN

DZK, our language centre

Deutschzentrum KAGEDEV (DZK) is our own language centre in Douala. Outside Douala: partner language centres, call us to find the nearest one.

4

GET THE CONTRACT

AZUFA is always us

AZUFA is our platform: it connects you with German companies that recruit apprentices and follows your application through to the training contract.

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From German A1 to the first day of training in Germany

Each step is run by one of our structures. You keep the same contact from start to finish.

1 — **Check my eligibility**
The test is done online on our website or at our Douala office.
RUN BY CAMPUS GERMANY

2 — **Talk to an advisor**
Review your profile, your wishes and the chosen occupation.
RUN BY CAMPUS GERMANY

3 — **Learn German, from A1 to B2**
Courses adapted to your starting level, up to the required B2 level. In Douala at our own language centre; elsewhere, with our partner centres.
RUN BY DZK

4 — **Prepare the application file**
CV and cover letter in German, translated baccalaureate diplomas and transcripts, B2 level certificate.
RUN BY CAMPUS GERMANY

5 — **Find the company and sign the training contract**
We connect you with German companies that recruit apprentices, and follow your application through to the contract.
RUN BY AZUFA

6 — **Prepare the visa and paperwork**
Support to gather the documents and complete the administrative steps.
RUN BY CAMPUS GERMANY

7 — **Prepare your departure and settling in**
Travel, housing and first steps in Germany: we prepare you before you leave.
RUN BY KAGEDEV E.V.

8 — **First day of training in Germany**
You arrive prepared and supported, with a team that has known you since day one.
RUN BY AZUFA

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