Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Roofer (Dachdecker/in)

Dachdecker / Dachdeckerin

You cover, insulate and waterproof roofs and façades: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, for a trade that means working at height and in a team.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,002 to €1,403** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a roofer does

They cover roofs and clad façades with tiles, slates or panels, make them watertight, fit insulation and install solar panels.

Cover

Lay tiles, slates, shingles or sheets on roofs and clad exterior walls.

Waterproof

Fit vapour barriers, insulation and waterproofing layers on roofs, balconies and terraces.

Equip

Install gutters, roof windows, lightning protection and solar panels on roofs.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you like working at height, outdoors and in a team
- ✓ you have good balance and no fear of heights
- ✓ you are handy and precise with roofing materials
- ✓ you are interested in insulation and solar energy

Less suitable if…

- – you are afraid of heights or avoid ladders and scaffolding
- – you cope badly with cold, heat or rain
- – you find it hard to carry heavy loads

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Departure and safety briefing** : The team loads the materials and checks the scaffolding and the fall protection.

08:00 **Lifting the materials** : Bring tiles, insulation and tools up to the roof with the hoist and with the help of colleagues.

09:30 **Laying the roof covering** : Lay tiles or slates row by row on the roof, respecting the overlaps.

11:00 **Waterproofing and flashings** : Lay the waterproofing and make the flashings around a chimney or a roof window.

13:30 **Insulation and fittings** : Fit the insulation, fix a gutter or install a support for a solar panel.

15:30 **Checking and tidying up** : Check the watertightness, clean the roof and stow the equipment before coming down.

Roof covering | Roof waterproofing | Façade cladding | Insulation and vapour barriers | Solar panel fitting | Safety at height | Precision | Balance | Teamwork | Safety awareness | Stamina

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

The basics

- Site, scaffolding and safety
- Roofing materials
- First jobs on the roof

Year 2

Practice

- Covering and waterproofing
- Cladding and insulation
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Specialisation

- Flashings, gutters and solar
- Sites run independently
- Journeyman's exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) takes place at the latest at the end of the second year. The training ends with the journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung), whose main paper, roof, wall and waterproofing technology, counts for 60 per cent. You obtain the Gesellenbrief, issued by the Chamber of Crafts (HWK).

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 calls for good physical fitness to carry materials, as well as balance, sure-footedness and a head for heights on ladders and scaffolding.

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

Skilled roofer

Jobs in roofing or waterproofing firms, or in a roofing company.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Deepen your skills in roofing or solar thermal through short training courses.

LONGER TERM

Master or degree

Take the Dachdeckermeister (master roofer), start your own firm or study civil engineering with university entry.

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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