Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Drugstore assistant (Drogist/in)

Drogist / Drogistin

You advise customers on cosmetics, health and household products and look after the shelves: a 36-month training, paid from the first year, in a drugstore or a supermarket department.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,087 to €1,340** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a Drogist does

The Drogist advises on skincare, supplements and over-the-counter remedies, runs the till, orders and stores stock, and makes the department look attractive.

Advise

Inform customers about cosmetic ingredients and how to use over-the-counter or plant-protection products.

Manage the shelves

Order, receive and store items, help choose the range and keep track of stock levels.

Present

Arrange the sales area and window, prepare promotions and operate the till.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you enjoy advising people and talking with customers
- ✓ you are interested in cosmetics, health and well-being
- ✓ you are careful with money and safety rules
- ✓ you are happy to work on Saturdays

Less suitable if…

- – you dislike constant contact with the public
- – you struggle with product smells and artificial lighting
- – you have no taste for figures and price calculations

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:30 **Opening the department** : Check stock, put out new arrivals and label prices before customers come in.

10:00 **Cosmetics advice** : Explain the ingredients of a skincare product and suggest an alternative suited to the customer.

12:00 **Receiving goods** : Check a delivery, verify quantities and quality, then store the items.

13:30 **Running the till** : Take payments, give change and prepare the cash-up.

15:00 **Dressing the window** : Prepare a display of promotional items to catch the eye of passers-by.

17:00 **Restocking order** : Spot missing items and prepare the order in the merchandise system.

Cosmetics advice · Over-the-counter products · Goods receipt and storage · Stock control · Till and cash handling · Merchandising and windows · Rules on hazardous products · People skills · Reliability · Organisation · Listening · Numeracy

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

Learning the drugstore

- Basic advice and selling
- Cosmetics, hygiene, receiving
- Safety, hazardous products

Year 2

Widening the range

- Food and skincare products
- Sales accounting and buying
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Working independently

- Bookkeeping and stock
- Advertising and promotion
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

A written intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) of up to 180 minutes takes place in the middle of the second year. The final exam has three written papers (drugstore operations, goods and selling, economics and social studies) and a practical exercise of up to 45 minutes, under the authority of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK). You receive the IHK final certificate for the occupation of Drogist.

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 standing, handling boxes on the shelves and coping with constant artificial lighting and some smells from cosmetic or cleaning products.

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 Drogist

Jobs in drugstores, supermarket departments or wholesale of cosmetics.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Store manager

Lead a team, run a sales outlet or move into specialist advice.

LONGER TERM

Handelsfachwirt or degree

Take the Handelsfachwirt (retail business specialist) or study with university access.

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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