

Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Vehicle painter (Fahrzeuglackierer/in)

Fahrzeuglackierer / Fahrzeuglackiererin

You prepare, paint and customise vehicle bodywork. A 3-year training, paid from the first year, split between the workshop and vocational school.



LEVEL Baccalaureate required	DURATION 3 years 36 months	GERMAN B2 required level	PAY DURING TRAINING €1,028 to €1,191 gross / month, during the training
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What a vehicle painter does

A vehicle painter assesses body and paint damage, prepares the surfaces, then applies the coats of paint with spray guns and creates lettering or decorative designs.

Assess and prepare

Spot body and paint damage, then prepare the surface: cleaning, filler and sanding.

Paint and protect

Apply the coats of paint with a spray gun, then preserve the surface with care products such as high-gloss polishes.

Decorate and fit

Create lettering and designs with stencils or films, remove and refit parts, install vehicle glazing.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you are careful and precise, even with repeated tasks
- ✓ you have manual dexterity and good hand-eye coordination
- ✓ you easily notice small irregularities in a surface
- ✓ you handle spray guns and products with care

Less suitable if...

- you do not want to work in a workshop or a paint booth
- you are looking for a job that is purely office-based
- you dislike meticulous work that takes patience

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

- 07:00 Instructions and job allocation** : The trainer presents the day's vehicles and reminds everyone of the safety instructions.
- 08:00 Assessing the damage** : Examine a vehicle's bodywork and paint to spot the damage that needs repairing.
- 09:30 Preparing the surface** : Clean, fill and sand the surface until it is clean and even.
- 11:00 Applying the paint** : Apply the coats of paint with a spray gun in the booth, following the protective rules.
- 13:30 Removing and refitting** : Remove and refit vehicle parts, for example to paint neighbouring areas cleanly.
- 15:00 Finishing and checking** : Protect the surface with a care product, check the result and tidy the workstation.

Surface preparation

Spray gun application

Filling and sanding

Designs and lettering

Removing and fitting parts

Quality control

Meticulousness

Manual dexterity

Observation

Care and caution

Aesthetic sense

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

Basics of the trade

- Tools, materials and safety
- Checking and preparing surfaces
- First painted surfaces

Year 2

Painting surfaces

- Advanced preparation and painting
- Intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung)
- Work on vehicle parts

Year 3

Specialisation

- Removing and fitting parts
- Lettering and paint effects
- Final exam (Gesellenprüfung)

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) takes place before the end of the second year: a practical task on a vehicle part, plus written questions. The final exam (Gesellenprüfung) has a practical part based on a customer order and a written part. You obtain the Gesellenbrief (journeyman's certificate), issued by the Chamber of Crafts (HWK) or the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK).

YOU ARE PAID DURING THE TRAINING

1st year		≈ €1,028
2nd year		≈ €1,095
3rd year		≈ €1,191

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 work takes place in workshops and in paint and drying booths, with spray guns and products: it calls for dexterity, hand-eye coordination and great care.

Documents to prepare

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

Where it can lead

STRAIGHT AWAY

Skilled worker

Work in a vehicle paint shop, in vehicle manufacturing or in an in-house factory paint shop.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Specialist training

Take courses to deepen your skills in painting, design and finishing techniques.

LONGER TERM

Meister or technician

Work towards the Meister (master craftsman) or a technician qualification, start a business or study.

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

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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.



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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.



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7

Prepare your departure and settling in

Travel, housing and first steps in Germany: we prepare you before you leave.



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8

First day of training in Germany

You arrive prepared and supported, with a team that has known you since day one.



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