Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Florist (Florist/in)

Florist / Floristin

You create bouquets, wreaths and floral decorations and advise customers: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, alternating between the workplace and school.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3 years**	**B2**	**€907 to €1,100**
required	36 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a florist does

They tie bouquets, make wreaths, bridal jewellery or dried arrangements, dress the window and shop, look after plants and advise customers on choosing and caring for them.

Create

Tie bouquets, make wreaths and bridal jewellery to your own ideas or the customers' wishes.

Advise

Help customers choose cut flowers and potted plants, then give them care instructions.

Run the shop

Dress the window, calculate prices, buy new stock and operate the till.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you are creative and have a feel for colours and shapes
- ✓ you enjoy working with your hands on delicate materials
- ✓ you like customer contact and service
- ✓ you accept working on Saturdays and rising early for buying

Less suitable if…

- – you are allergic to plants or plant treatment products
- – you struggle with damp and skin irritated by thorns
- – you are looking for a job without customer contact

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Start of shift and orders** : The trainer assigns the day's orders and checks the condition of the flowers delivered.

08:00 **Caring for flowers and plants** : Cut, strip and place flowers in water, then look after the plants in the shop.

10:00 **Bouquets and arrangements** : Tie a bouquet and make an arrangement, choosing materials, colours and tools.

12:00 **Advice and selling** : Welcome customers, advise them on flowers and give care instructions.

14:00 **Dressing the window** : Set up the window and sales areas with plants and seasonal decorations.

16:00 **Prices, orders and tidying** : Calculate prices, prepare stock orders and tidy the workshop.

Bouquets and wreaths | Planted arrangements | Plant care | Funeral floristry | Price calculation | Advice and selling | Creativity | Sense of colour | Manual dexterity | Service mindset | Organisation

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

- Plant care and identification
- Bouquets, corsages, wreath bases
- Tools, materials, hygiene

Year 2

Create and sell

- Planted arrangements
- Advice, pricing, selling
- Final exam, part 1

Year 3

Complete projects

- Complete floral projects
- Marketing, buying, display
- Final exam, part 2

Exams and qualification

The final exam (Abschlussprüfung) has 2 parts. Part 1 takes place in the fourth half-year: 4 floral making tasks (150 minutes) and a 60-minute written paper; it counts for 20% of the mark. Part 2 takes place at the end: a floral project with 1 main piece and 2 accompanying pieces, technology, goods and economics. You obtain the Abschlusszeugnis (final certificate) of the 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 requires dexterity, good near vision and colour vision, and skin and airways that tolerate thorns, plants and plant treatment 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

Skilled florist

Jobs in flower shops, garden centres, nurseries with a shop or DIY stores.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Train further in floral design or goods presentation, or become a Fachwirt (specialist) in retail.

LONGER TERM

Master florist or studies

Take the Floristmeister (master florist) exam, set up on your own or study horticulture if university entry is met.

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