

Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Forest worker (Forstwirt/in)

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You plant, tend and harvest the forest: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, alternating between the forestry employer and vocational school.



LEVEL Baccalaureate required	DURATION 3 years 36 months	GERMAN B2 required level	PAY DURING TRAINING €1,213 to €1,329 gross / month, during the training
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What a forest worker does

They reforest and tend forests, protect young trees, fell trees with a chainsaw or machines, and build and maintain tracks, shelters and leisure facilities.

Plant and tend

Reforest, protect young trees from game and pests, look after biotopes and watercourses.

Harvest timber

Fell, trim, measure and mark trunks, or operate timber harvesting machines.

Build and maintain

Build and maintain forest tracks, high seats, nest boxes and facilities for visitors.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you enjoy working outdoors in all weathers
- ✓ you are physically fit and have stamina
- ✓ you take responsibility seriously with chainsaws and machinery
- ✓ you are interested in nature, trees and wild animals

Less suitable if...

- you struggle with cold, rain and heat
- you have a fear of heights or fragile health
- you are looking for an office job or a low-physical job

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

- 07:00 Start of shift and instructions** : The trainer assigns the day's sites and recalls the safety rules.
- 08:00 Travel and kit** : Go to the plot and put on a helmet, gloves, ear protection and tough clothing.
- 09:00 Tending a young stand** : Clear space around young trees, fit game protection and check their condition.
- 11:30 Felling and processing** : Fell a tree with a chainsaw alongside the trainer, then trim and measure it.
- 13:30 Maintaining machines** : Check, clean and maintain the chainsaw and other tools before putting them away.
- 15:00 Reports and tidying** : Note the work done, sort the harvested timber and put the equipment away.

Planting and reforestation

Chainsaw felling

Timber measuring and sorting

Machine maintenance

Nature conservation

Workplace safety

Stamina

Sense of responsibility

Team spirit

Weather resilience

Observation

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

Discovering the forest

- Overview of the employer
- Planting and tending young trees
- Basics of harvesting and machines

Year 2

Harvest and habitats

- Harvesting and preparing timber
- Protecting natural habitats
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Going deeper

- Forestry and nature conservation
- Harvesting, extraction and machines
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) before the end of the second year: practical (3 tasks, up to 3 hours, explained in a discussion) and written (up to 90 minutes). The final exam: practical (3 tasks, up to 6 hours) and written in 3 subjects. The qualification is issued under the authority of the Chamber of Agriculture (Landwirtschaftskammer).

YOU ARE PAID DURING THE TRAINING

1st year		≈ €1,213
2nd year		≈ €1,278
3rd year		≈ €1,329

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 demands strength, stamina and agility, sometimes on difficult ground, in all weathers, wearing protective gear, with an accident risk to be taken seriously.

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 forest worker

Jobs in forestry businesses, forestry service providers or forestry administrations.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Become a forestry machine operator, a nature and landscape conservation worker or a tree care specialist.

LONGER TERM

Master or studies

Take the Forstwirtschaftsmeister (master forester) exam, the Techniker, or study forestry science.

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.

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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.



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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.



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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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