Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

# Forest worker (Forstwirt/in)

## Forstwirt / Forstwirtin

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 | DURATION | GERMAN | PAY DURING TRAINING |
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| **Baccalaureate** required | **3 years** 36 months | **B2** required level | **€1,213 to €1,329** gross / month, during the training |

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

# 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

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

### 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

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| 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

AFTER THE TRAINING

# 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.

### Douala office

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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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