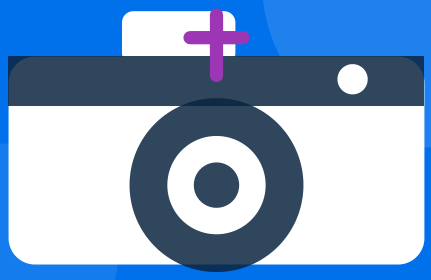
Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Photographer (Fotograf/in)

Fotograf / Fotografin

You design images, set up the lighting, shoot and retouch your pictures for clients. A 3-year training in a company and at vocational school.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€900 to €1,300** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a photographer does

A photographer produces portraits, product or industrial photos from an image concept: they choose the equipment and lighting, take the shots, then retouch, enlarge or produce moving images.

Design

Devise an image concept for the client, and choose the camera, lens and type of lighting that suit it.

Shoot

Set up the light and photograph the subject, often in series: other lenses, angles or lighting.

Retouch

Process, retouch, enlarge or reproduce the images, and produce moving images where needed.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you are creative and have a sense of image composition
- ✓ you watch light and image details attentively
- ✓ you are interested in camera technology and new trends
- ✓ you like meeting a client's wishes

Less suitable if...

- – you do not want to work in a studio or at changing shooting locations
- – you dislike spending time retouching images on a computer
- – you dislike dealing with clients

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:30 **Client briefing** : Analyse a client's request and discuss the image concept with the studio team.

09:30 **Preparing the equipment** : Choose the camera and lens, then set the lighting to suit the subject.

10:30 **Shooting the subject** : Photograph a portrait or a product, varying the angles, lenses and lighting.

13:30 **Selecting images** : Go through the series of photos and keep the best shots for the client.

14:30 **Retouching on computer** : Correct the light, retouch and prepare the images for their final use.

16:30 **Archiving and delivery** : Export and archive the files and prepare the images for handover to the client.

Camera shooting · Studio lighting · Image retouching · Image concepts · Moving images · Image archiving · Creativity · Aesthetic sense · Observation · Customer focus · Willingness to learn

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

Photography basics

- Client advice and image concepts
- Cameras and lighting
- First shoots

Year 2

Image and processing

- Image processing in software
- Narrative image series
- Intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung)

Year 3

Option and finishing

- One option, e.g. people, product
- Image output and archiving
- Final exam (Gesellenprüfung)

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) takes place in the fourth half-year: a written part on planning and a practical shooting task with a technical discussion. The final exam (Gesellenprüfung) has five areas, including shooting people and objects, an option and economics and society. You obtain the Gesellenbrief, issued by the Chamber of Crafts (HWK).

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 work takes place in the studio or at varied locations, outdoors, in companies or in halls: you carry and set up equipment and stay attentive to the light.

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 photographer

Work in a photo studio, a press agency, a publishing house or an advertising agency.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Gestalter im Handwerk

Specialise with the Gestalter (crafts designer) qualification, for more creative projects.

LONGER TERM

Meister or university

Work towards the Meister (master craftsman), which also allows study without the general baccalaureate.

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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