Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Gardener (Gärtner/in)

Gärtner / Gärtnerin

You grow plants or design gardens and green spaces: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, with a specialism to choose from 7.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3 years**	**B2**	**€1,118 to €1,334**
required	36 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a gardener does

Depending on the specialism, they propagate and grow plants, trees or vegetables, or create gardens, parks and sports grounds, planting, paving and building walls and steps.

Grow

Propagate and grow plants, trees or vegetables; water, feed, prune and protect the crops.

Landscape

Create gardens, parks and sports grounds: plant, pave paths, build walls, steps and fences.

Advise and sell

Sell plants and products and advise customers on where to put plants and how to care for them.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you enjoy working outdoors, with plants and soil
- ✓ you have stamina and accept working on your knees or bent over
- ✓ you have a feel for colour and space to compose a planting scheme
- ✓ you are careful with machinery and plant treatment products

Less suitable if…

- – you struggle with cold, rain, heat and pollen
- – you are allergic to plants, dust or fertilisers
- – you are looking for an office job or one without physical effort

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Start of shift and site** : The trainer assigns the day's tasks and recalls the safety rules.

08:00 **Preparing the ground** : Prepare the soil and substrates, using hand tools and sometimes a small machine.

10:00 **Planting the greenery** : Plant shrubs, perennials and flowers following the planting plan.

12:30 **Building or maintenance** : Pave a path, build a wall or prune and maintain existing plants.

14:30 **Watering and protection** : Water and feed the plants and check for any damage or disease.

16:00 **Cleaning and tidying** : Clean the tools and machines, tidy the site and note the work done.

Planting and propagation | Plant knowledge | Soils and substrates | Plant protection | Operating machinery | Outdoor landscaping | Customer advice | Stamina | Sense of colour | Manual skill | Sense of responsibility | Flexibility

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

Basic training

- Soils, earths and substrates
- Plant knowledge and care
- Machines, tools, safety

Year 2

Your specialism

- Choice of 7 specialisms
- Techniques for the specialism
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Mastery

- Complete jobs in the specialism
- Selling, advising or site work
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) before the end of the second year: practical (3 tasks, up to 3 hours) and written (up to 90 minutes). The final exam in the chosen specialism: practical (5 tasks, up to 5 hours, explained orally) for 60% of the mark, then written and oral for 40%. The qualification is issued under the authority of the Chamber of Agriculture (Landwirtschaftskammer).

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 strength and stamina, working outdoors in all weathers, often kneeling or bent over, and tolerance of dust, pollen 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 gardener

Jobs in the specialism: landscaping firms, municipal gardens or horticultural production.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Train further in horticulture or plant protection, or become a customer adviser in horticulture.

LONGER TERM

Master gardener or studies

Take the Gärtnermeister (master gardener) exam or become a technician (Techniker), set up on your own or study horticulture.

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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