Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Building cleaner (Gebäudereiniger/Gebäudereinigerin

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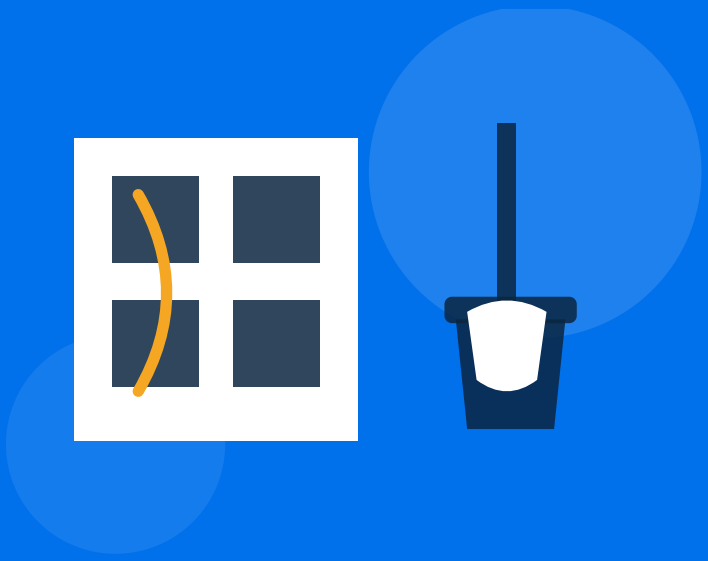
You clean, disinfect and maintain surfaces in offices, hospitals, factories or facades: a paid 3-year craft training with a qualification recognised across Germany.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,004 to €1,302** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a building cleaner does

They pick the right method for each surface and place: windows, floors, textiles, facades, sanitary areas. They use machines, dose products, follow hygiene rules and work safely.

Clean

Clean windows, floors, textiles and facades, in routine, interim or deep cleaning.

Care for surfaces

Protect, preserve and restore surfaces using the right products and machines.

Ensure hygiene

Disinfect in healthcare, kitchens or sanitary areas, and dispose of hazardous waste.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you are careful and like to see the result of your work
- ✓ you are dexterous and can handle machines
- ✓ you have a head for heights and work comfortably at height
- ✓ you accept working early in the morning or late in the evening

Less suitable if...

- – you are afraid of heights or refuse to climb a ladder
- – you cope badly with chemicals and their fumes
- – you refuse to work very early, late in the evening or at night

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

06:00 **Preparing the job** : Load machines and products, read the job sheet and travel to the site.

07:00 **Cleaning offices** : Vacuum carpets, polish hard floors and clean the sanitary areas.

10:00 **Cleaning windows** : Clean a glass facade using a ladder or platform and the safety equipment.

12:30 **Disinfection** : Disinfect healthcare rooms following the hygiene rules, with suitable protection.

14:00 **Deep cleaning a floor** : Strip and restore a floor covering with a special machine.

15:30 **Inspection and handover** : Check the result, advise the client on upkeep and put the equipment away.

Cleaning techniques | Cleaning machines and equipment | Dosing products | Hygiene and disinfection | Working safely at height | Surface care | Care | Manual dexterity | Safety awareness | Punctuality | Teamwork

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

Cleaning basics

- Safety, products, machines
- Setting up a workplace
- Maintenance cleaning

Year 2

Interim cleaning

- Windows, textiles, floors
- Working safely at height
- First part of the exam

Year 3

Hygiene and restoration

- Deep and outdoor cleaning
- Hygiene and disinfection
- Preserving surfaces

Exams and qualification

The journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) is split into two parts. The first takes place in the 4th half-year: cleaning glass, textile and non-textile surfaces, with practical work and a written test. The second ends the training: deep and outdoor cleaning, hygiene, surface care, economics and society. Qualification: Gesellenbrief, under the authority of 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.
- ✓ According to BERUFENET, you need good body control and a head for heights to work on ladders, scaffolding or work platforms. Work is often early in the morning, late in the evening or at night.

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 cleaning worker

Work in a cleaning, disinfection or pest-control company.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Team leader or site manager

Coordinate teams, check quality and train apprentices.

LONGER TERM

Meister or own business

Take the Gebäudereinigermeister, study or start your own cleaning company.

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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