Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Gold and silversmith (Gold- und Silberschmied/in)

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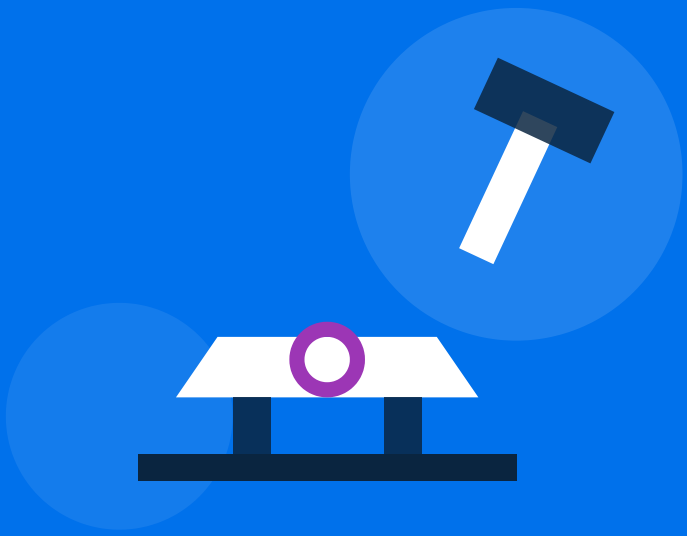
You create gold jewellery or silver objects from a design: a 42-month training in a workshop and at a vocational school, with a choice between gold and silver smithing.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3.5 years** 42 months	**B2** required level	**€1,267 to €1,514** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a gold and silversmith does

They work precious metals by forging, casting and joining them, then polish and decorate the surface to produce a finished piece of jewellery or an object.

Design

Draw jewellery or objects, on their own or from a client's request, sometimes using software.

Make

Forge, cast, solder and join gold, silver and other metals, then set the stones.

Repair and finish

Polish, decorate surfaces, repair or rework pieces and advise clients.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you have manual dexterity and good hand-eye coordination
- ✓ you enjoy drawing and imagining precise shapes
- ✓ you are very careful and notice the smallest details
- ✓ you have a sense of aesthetics and creativity

Less suitable if...

- – you dislike meticulous work that takes a lot of patience
- – you cope badly with fine dust and some smells
- – you want a job of broad movements, with no precision work

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:00 **Designing a piece of jewellery** : Make sketches and a production drawing from a client's request.

09:30 **Casting and shaping** : Melt the metal, cast it, forge it or draw it out to get the shape you want.

11:00 **Joining by soldering** : Join the parts by soldering and fit the clasps with precision.

13:30 **Setting the stones** : Choose the right mount and fix the stone in its metal seat.

15:00 **Polishing and finishing** : Grind, polish or matt the surfaces until they have the look you want.

16:30 **Repairs and advice** : Inspect a piece for repair and explain the work needed to the client.

Drawing and design | Metal melting and casting | Forging and shaping | Soldering and joining | Stone setting | Surface polishing | Jewellery repair | Precision | Creativity | Manual dexterity | Patience | Observation skills

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

The basics of the trade

- Safety, tools, machines
- Sketches and production drawings
- Filing, drilling, bending, soldering

Year 2

Making techniques

- Casting, forging and joining
- Surface treatment
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Your specialisation

- Gold: jewellery, chains, gem-setting
- Silver: objects and functional pieces
- Stone setting and repair

Year 4 (6 months)

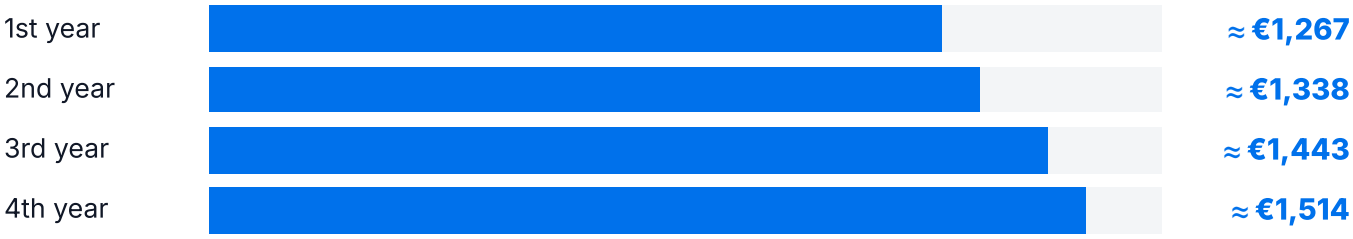
Exam preparation

- Exam piece made to order
- Advice and quality
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) in the fourth half-year, with a 7-hour task, then the final exam (Gesellen- or Abschlussprüfung): a piece of goldsmithing made in 32 hours with a professional discussion, technology, design and planning, economics and social studies. Qualification: Gesellenbrief (crafts) or IHK certificate, depending on the competent Chamber.

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 is done at a well-lit bench, with fine dust and sometimes smells. Gloves, goggles, a work coat and sometimes a mask are worn, and shift work exists in industry.

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

Qualified gold and silversmith

Work in a goldsmith's workshop, a jeweller's, the jewellery industry or a design studio.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Master goldsmith

Take the Meister (master craftsman) exam to run a workshop and train apprentices.

LONGER TERM

Studies or own workshop

With the required entry level, study jewellery design or open your own workshop or jeweller's.

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.
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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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