Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Engraver (Graveur/in)

Graveur / Graveurin

You engrave designs, lettering and tools on metal and other materials, by hand or by machine: a 3-year paid training, in a workshop and at a vocational school.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3 years**	**B2**	**€1,020 to €1,110**
required	36 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What an engraver does

They work mainly with metals, but also plastic, glass and porcelain: they engrave rings, plaques and stamping tools, by hand or by machine.

Design

Create patterns from a client's request or their own ideas, scan photos and rework files in CAD software.

Engrave

Engrave rings, plaques, stamps and embossing tools with a graver, a machine or a laser.

Finish and check

Matt, polish and colour surfaces and check the shape, colour and quality of the pieces.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you have manual dexterity and precise hand movements
- ✓ you enjoy drawing and creating patterns, letters and ornaments
- ✓ you are very careful and faithful to the drawings you are given
- ✓ you are comfortable with a computer and precision machines

Less suitable if...

- – you cope badly with machine noise and fine dust
- – you dislike work that demands intense concentration
- – you want a job with no drawing or computer work

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:00 **Reading the order** : Study the client's drawing or file and choose the engraving process.

09:00 **Preparing the workpiece** : Face, drill or mount the piece to be engraved to the required accuracy.

10:30 **Machine engraving** : Programme the engraving machine or laser to inscribe text and patterns.

13:00 **Hand engraving with a graver** : Trace fine lines by hand on a flat or curved surface.

15:00 **Surface finishing** : Matt, polish and colour the engravings for the result you want.

16:30 **Checking and sharpening** : Inspect the finished piece and maintain or sharpen the engraving tools.

Drawing and CAD | Hand engraving with a graver | Machine engraving | Laser marking | Metalworking | Surface finishing | Quality control | Precision | Drawing skills | Aesthetic sense | 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

- Technical drawing and CAD
- Metalworking: filing, drilling
- Safety and tool maintenance

Year 2

Engraving techniques

- Hand and machine engraving
- Finishing and decorating surfaces
- Part 1 of the exam

Year 3

Orders and tools

- Stamps and embossing tools
- Reliefs, coins and medals
- Part 2 of the exam

Exams and qualification

A journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) in two parts. Part 1 in the middle of the second year: making a workpiece (7 hours). Part 2 at the end of the training: a customer order (60 hours), production technology, design, economics and social studies. Qualification: 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 is done in a workshop, with machine noise, fine dust and sometimes smells. Gloves, goggles and an apron are worn depending on the task.

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 engraver

Work in an engraving workshop, at an industrial tool maker or in a same-day service.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Master engraver

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 fine arts or open your own engraving workshop.

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.
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