Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Sheet metal worker and roof plumber (Klempner/in)

Klempner / Klempnerin

You shape sheet metal for gutters, façades and ventilation: a paid training of three and a half years for a trade split between workshop and building site.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3.5 years** 42 months	**B2** required level	**€1,100 to €1,450** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a Klempner does

They make and fit gutter systems, window sills, façade cladding and sheet-metal ventilation ducts, both on building sites and in the workshop.

Shape

Cut, bend, fold and weld sheet metal and tubes to make roof-metalwork parts.

Fit

Install gutters and downpipes, roof and façade cladding, then seal them.

Install

Fit ventilation ducts, solar collectors and lightning protection systems.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you like working with metal and shaping parts precisely
- ✓ you are handy and comfortable with cutting and bending machines
- ✓ you are not afraid of heights on ladders and scaffolding
- ✓ you like alternating between workshop and outdoor sites

Less suitable if…

- – you are afraid of heights or avoid them
- – you cope badly with the noise of workshop machines
- – you find it hard to carry heavy parts

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Start of shift in the workshop** : Check the day's orders, prepare the metal sheets and put on ear protection.

08:00 **Cutting and bending sheet metal** : Mark out, cut and then bend the sheet on the machine to obtain the required shape.

10:00 **Welding and assembly** : Join the parts by welding, soldering or folding, then check the fit.

11:30 **Loading and leaving for the site** : Load the finished parts and the tools for fitting on the roof or façade.

13:30 **Fitting a gutter** : Fix the brackets and the gutter, connect the downpipe and check the water flow.

15:30 **Checking and tidying up** : Check the seals of the joints, clean the site and put the equipment away.

Sheet metal bending and cutting | Welding and soldering | Gutter fitting | Ventilation ducts | Solar installation | Reading plans | Precision | Manual skill | Sense of balance | Teamwork | Care

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
- Workshop, tools and safety
- Cutting, bending and welding
- First simple parts

Year 2
Technique
- Gutters and cladding
- Fixing into masonry and timber
- Part 1 of the final exam

Year 3
Independence
- Ventilation and sealing
- Solar and lightning protection
- Sites run independently

Year 4 (6 months)
Finishing
- Complete jobs to order
- Preparing for the final exam
- Part 2 of the final exam

Exams and qualification

The journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) has two parts: part 1 takes place before the end of the second year and counts for 30 per cent of the result; part 2, at the end of the training, covers a customer order, manufacturing, assembly and maintenance technology, and business and social studies. You obtain the journeyman's certificate (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 job calls for good physical fitness and ease at height, since sheet metal is taken up ladders and scaffolding; in the workshop, machine noise calls for ear protection.

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 Klempner

Jobs in building installation firms or ventilation companies.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Deepen your skills in sheet metalwork or pipe fitting through short training courses.

LONGER TERM

Master or degree

Take the Klempnermeister (master craftsman), start your own firm or study civil engineering with university entry.

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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