Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

# Farmer (Landwirt/Landwirtin)

## Landwirt / Landwirtin

You grow crops, care for animals and drive agricultural machinery: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, on a working farm.

| LEVEL | DURATION | GERMAN | PAY DURING TRAINING |
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| **Baccalaureate** | **3 years** | **B2** | **€902 to €1,091** |
| required | 36 months | required level | gross / month, during the training |

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

# What a farmer does

They work the soil, sow, tend crops and harvest, then store and sell their produce. In livestock farming they feed and care for the animals. They also handle costing and farm administration.

### Grow

Work the soil, choose seed, fertilise, tend crops and harvest according to the seasons.

### Rear

Feed, water and care for the farm animals, and clean the barns.

### Manage

Use and maintain machinery, store and sell produce, and work out costs.

### This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you like working outdoors and with animals
- ✓ you have a strong sense of responsibility
- ✓ you are interested in mechanics and machinery
- ✓ you accept physical work that follows the seasons

### Less suitable if…

- – you cannot stand barn smells or getting dirty
- – you dislike working outside in all weathers
- – you are looking for an office job with fixed hours

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

**06:30** **Caring for the animals** : Feed and water the animals, check their condition and clean the barn.

**08:30** **Preparing the machines** : Check the tractor and its attached implement, then refuel and check safety.

**09:30** **Work in the fields** : Work the soil, sow, spread fertiliser or treat crops, depending on the season.

**12:30** **Maintaining equipment** : Clean, grease and repair machines so that they are ready for the next day.

**14:00** **Monitoring the crops** : Observe the state of the plants, note findings and decide on the next jobs.

**16:30** **Management and records** : Enter farm data and work out costs together with the manager.

Soil work and sowing | Crop care | Animal feeding and care | Driving farm machinery | Maintenance and repair | Costing | Sense of responsibility | Physical stamina | Technical sense | Observation | Independence

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

- The farm and how it is organised
- Basics of crop production
- Basics of livestock production

Year 2

### Going deeper

- Crops, soil and fertility
- Livestock and feeding
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

### Independence

- Crop work done independently
- Livestock and farm results
- Final exam

### Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) takes place before the end of the 2nd year: a practical and oral part lasting up to 180 minutes, plus a 90-minute written paper. The final exam has a practical part (up to 7 hours, crop and livestock production) and 3 written papers of 120, 120 and 90 minutes. The certificate 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.
- ✓ BERUFENET cites good physical fitness (lifting fertiliser sacks, working outdoors), a sense of responsibility and technical understanding.

### 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 farm worker

Jobs on farms, in agricultural contracting, agricultural trade or livestock units.

WITH EXPERIENCE

### Agricultural specialist

Specialise, for example as a Klauenpfleger (hoof trimmer) or countryside manager.

LONGER TERM

### Master farmer (Meister)

Take the Landwirtschaftsmeister to run a farm and train apprentices.

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.

### Douala office

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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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