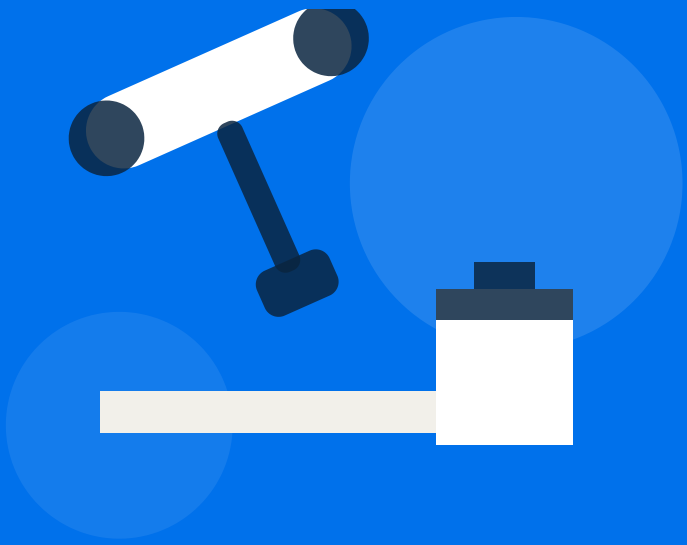
Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Painter and decorator (Maler und Lackierer/in)

Maler und Lackierer / Malerin und Lackiererin

You prepare, paint and decorate walls, ceilings and façades: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, for a creative and practical trade.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€868 to €1,127** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a painter and decorator does

They treat, coat, clad, decorate and insulate the interiors and façades of buildings, and also carry out plastering and drywall work.

Prepare

Clean the surfaces, fill cracks and defects, repair the plaster and apply primers.

Paint

Mix colours and apply paints, stains and varnishes by brush, roller or spray gun.

Decorate

Hang wallpaper and coverings, create surface effects and design wall decorations.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you have a sense of colour and aesthetics
- ✓ you are careful and attentive to the details and flaws of a surface
- ✓ you like giving a space a fresh new look
- ✓ you accept working on scaffolding or in awkward positions

Less suitable if...

- – you are very sensitive to smells and chemicals
- – you find it hard to stand for long or work with arms raised
- – you are afraid of heights on scaffolding or platforms

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Arrival on site** : The team receives the day's instructions and protects floors and furniture before starting.

08:00 **Preparing the walls** : Strip, clean, fill the cracks and sand before applying the primer.

10:00 **Mixing colours** : Prepare the colour requested by the client and test it on a sample surface.

11:00 **Applying the paint** : Paint walls and ceilings with roller and brush, taking care with corners and edges.

13:30 **Woodwork and decoration** : Apply stain or varnish to windows and doors, or create a wall decoration.

15:30 **Checking and cleaning** : Check the result, remove the protection and clean the tools and the room.

Surface preparation | Colour mixing | Paint application | Plaster and plastering | Fitting wall coverings | Thermal insulation | Sense of colour | Precision | Care | Creativity | Stamina

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

- Site, tools and safety
- Surface preparation
- First paint and plaster jobs

Year 2

Practice

- Colours, techniques and coverings
- Drywall and insulation
- Part 1 of the final exam

Year 3

Specialisation

- Sites run independently
- Decoration, façades and repairs
- Part 2 of the final exam

Exams and qualification

The journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) has two parts: part 1 takes place at the end of the fourth half-year of training and counts for 30 per cent of the result; part 2, taken in your specialisation, closes the training. 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: carrying components and tools, working on scaffolding and sometimes in awkward positions, with a mask and gloves.

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 painter

Jobs in painting firms, plastering firms or building companies.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Deepen your skills in painting and varnishing or building repair through short training courses.

LONGER TERM

Master or degree

Take the Maler- und Lackierermeister (master painter), start your own firm or study interior design.

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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