Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Bespoke tailor (Maßschneider/in)

Maßschneider / Maßschneiderin

You design and make garments to each client's measurements: a 3-year paid training, in a tailoring workshop and at a vocational school, with two specialisations.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,150 to €1,350** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a bespoke tailor does

They advise the client on fabrics and cuts, take measurements, draw the pattern, cut and sew the garment, then adjust it during the fittings.

Advise and measure

Gather the client's wishes, take measurements and advise on fabrics, colours and cuts.

Draw and cut

Draw the design, create patterns, often on a computer, then cut the fabric accurately.

Sew and adjust

Assemble the garment by machine or by hand, press it, fit it and correct the cut.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you have manual dexterity with fine needles and threads
- ✓ you have creativity and a sense of aesthetics
- ✓ you like advising a client and meeting their wishes
- ✓ you are careful and spot the smallest flaw in the cut

Less suitable if...

- – you cope badly with textile dust and steam from the iron
- – you dislike meticulous work that takes time
- – you do not like direct contact with clients

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:30 **Meeting with the client** : Listen to the client's wishes, choose the fabric together and take their measurements.

10:00 **Drawing the design and pattern** : Make a sketch, then draw the garment's patterns, by hand or on a computer.

11:30 **Cutting the fabric** : Lay the patterns on the fabric and cut each piece, matching the pattern.

13:30 **Sewing the pieces** : Join the pieces by machine: collar, sleeves, pockets, then finish by hand.

15:30 **Fitting the garment** : Have the client try on the garment, spot the cut corrections and mark them.

16:30 **Alterations and pressing** : Make the agreed alterations and press the piece before handing it to the client.

Taking measurements · Pattern making · Cutting fabric · Machine sewing · Hand sewing · Fitting and alterations · Client advice · Manual dexterity · Creativity · Precision · Client focus · 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 sewing

- Sketches, drawings and patterns
- Stitches and sewing machines
- Measurements and basic models

Year 2

Complete garments

- Collars, sleeves, pockets, linings
- Repairs and alterations
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Your specialisation

- Womenswear or menswear
- Advice, fittings, cost estimates
- Journeyman's exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) before the end of the second year: a task of up to 8 hours, based on a client order. Then the journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung): a practical part of up to 40 hours with a professional discussion, and a written part. Qualification: Gesellenbrief from 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 textile dust, steam and sometimes chemical smells. It calls for precise movements with fine needles, delicate fabrics and sewing machines.

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 tailor

Work in a bespoke or alterations workshop, at a theatre, in film or in a shop with alterations.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Master tailor

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 fashion design or open your own tailoring 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.
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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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