Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Bricklayer (Maurer/in)

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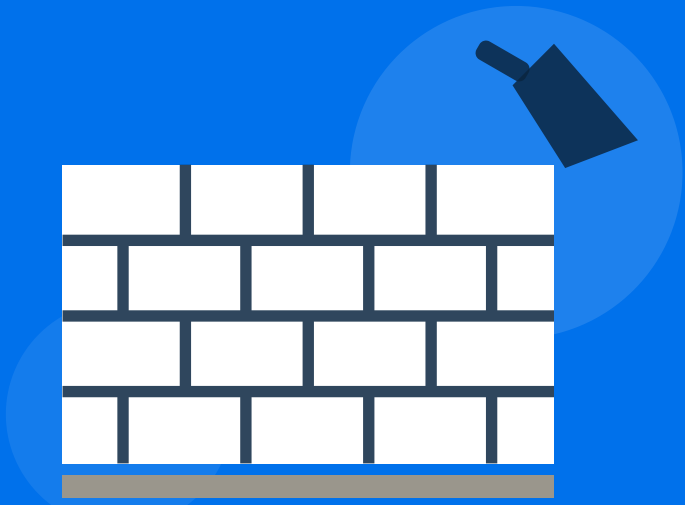
You build foundations, walls and floors: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, that prepares you for a career in structural building work.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,079 to €1,533** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a bricklayer does

They build the structural shell of buildings: foundations, walls and floors in masonry or concrete, then plaster, screeds and insulation depending on the site.

Build

Lay walls, fit prefabricated elements and build foundations, slabs and floors.

Pour concrete

Make formwork and reinforcement, prepare the concrete, pour it and compact it in the formwork.

Renovate

Plaster, lay screeds and insulation, spot damage to the building fabric and repair it.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you like working with your hands and seeing a structure take shape
- ✓ you are careful when measuring and aligning with precision
- ✓ you are comfortable working in a team to handle heavy elements
- ✓ you are happy to work outdoors, even in cold or rainy weather

Less suitable if…

- – you cope badly with cold, heat or rain
- – you find it hard to carry heavy loads
- – you are looking for an office job

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Start of shift on site** : The team leader assigns tasks, the plans are checked and everyone puts on a helmet and safety boots.

08:00 **Marking out and measuring** : Dimensions from the plans are transferred to the floor and levels are checked before the wall goes up.

09:30 **Building a wall** : Lay mortar and bricks course by course, checking the plumb and alignment of each row.

11:00 **Formwork and reinforcement** : Assemble formwork, place the steel reinforcement, then prepare the concrete to be poured.

13:30 **Plaster and finishing** : Apply plaster to a wall, fill the joints and fit insulation according to the instructions.

15:30 **Checking and tidying up** : Check the finished work, clean the tools and make the site safe before leaving.

Masonry | Reading plans | Formwork and reinforcement | Plaster and screeds | Insulation | Measuring and levelling | Precision | Stamina | Teamwork | Safety awareness | Reliability

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
- Reading plans and measuring
- First walls and first concrete work

Year 2

Practice

- Walls, plaster and screeds
- Insulation and formwork
- Part 1 of the final exam

Year 3

The trade

- Renovation and repair work
- Jobs carried out independently
- Part 2 of the final exam

Exams and qualification

The final exam (Gesellenprüfung) has two parts: part 1 takes place in the fourth half-year of training, so in the second year, and counts for 40 per cent of the result; part 2 closes the training. You obtain the journeyman's certificate (Gesellenbrief), issued by the competent chamber: HWK for crafts, IHK for industry.

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 materials and working outdoors in cold, hot or rainy weather on changing building sites.

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 bricklayer

Jobs in building firms, renovation companies or prefabricated house construction.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Specialise in masonry, reinforced concrete or building repair through short training courses.

LONGER TERM

Master or degree

Take the Meister (master bricklayer), 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.
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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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