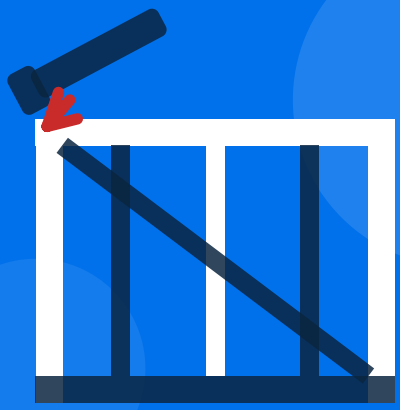
Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Metal construction worker (Metallbauer/in)

Metallbauer / Metallbauerin

You make and install gates, facades, canopies and structures in steel or light metal: a paid 42-month training in a craft business, with vocational school.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3.5 years**	**B2**	**€968 to €1,204**
required	42 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a metal construction worker does

They mark out, cut, shape and join metal parts, often as one-off pieces to the customer's wishes, then install them on site and maintain their work.

Fabricate

Mark out sheets, tubes and profiles, cut and shape them, then weld, rivet or bolt the parts together.

Install

Fit doors, facades, locking and security systems on site, or drives for sun-protection systems.

Maintain

Check the structures made, adjust them and restore them when necessary.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you enjoy manual work and seeing a structure take shape
- ✓ you can read drawings and picture volumes in space
- ✓ you are physically fit and have a head for heights
- ✓ you accept working on building sites in all weathers

Less suitable if…

- – you struggle with noise and carrying heavy loads
- – you are afraid of heights and refuse to work on scaffolding
- – you do not want to travel for an assembly job

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Start of shift and instructions** : The trainer assigns the jobs and reminds you of the protective equipment to wear.

07:30 **Reading the drawing and marking out** : Transfer the dimensions from the technical drawing onto the sheet or profile before cutting.

09:00 **Cutting and shaping** : Cut the parts by machine or by hand, then bend or curve them to the required shape.

11:00 **Assembly by welding** : Weld or bolt the elements together, wearing welding goggles and shield, and check dimensions.

13:30 **Surface protection** : Treat the parts against corrosion before they leave for the building site.

15:00 **Installation on site** : Fix an element to the building with the team, following the rules for working at height.

Reading technical drawings · Welding and thermal cutting · Forming sheets and profiles · Joining and fixing · Surface treatment · Installation and maintenance · Manual skill · Precision · Spatial sense · Stamina · Teamwork

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
- Measuring, checking, joining
- Filing, sawing, shaping by hand
- Machine machining

Year 2
The processes
- Welding and thermal cutting
- Forming sheets and profiles
- Part 1 of the final exam

Year 3
The specialisation
- Metal or steel structures
- Elements fixed to buildings
- Organising site work

Year 4 (6 months)
Towards the exam
- Assembling and dismantling structures
- Checking, adjusting, maintaining
- Part 2 of the final exam

Exams and qualification

The journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) has two parts. Part 1, before the end of the second year, is a work assignment (Arbeitsauftrag). Part 2, at the end of training, depends on the chosen specialisation: for example a customer order, construction technology and functional analysis, economics and social studies. You obtain the 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.
- ✓ Good physical fitness is expected: lifting heavy parts, a head for heights to work on scaffolding, workshop noise and building sites in all weathers.

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

Journeyman metalworker

Work in a metal construction business or in a building trade such as facade construction.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Master metal construction worker

Take the Metallbauermeister (master craftsman) exam to lead a team or a business.

LONGER TERM

Studies or own business

With university entrance qualification: a bachelor's in construction engineering; or set up your own metalwork business.

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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