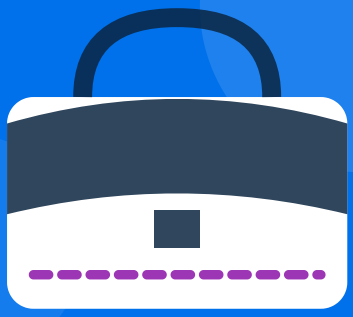
Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Saddler (Sattler/in)

Sattler / Sattlerin

You work leather and textiles to make saddles, bags or vehicle upholstery: a 3-year training, with a choice between three specialisations.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3 years**	**B2**	**€740 to €930**
required	36 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a saddler does

They cut, sew, glue and assemble leather, fabric and synthetic materials to make or repair items, depending on the chosen specialisation: vehicles, riding or fine leather goods.

Vehicle upholstery

Make and repair interior trim, hoods and tarpaulins for all types of vehicles.

Riding equipment

Measure the horse, then make saddles, bridles and harnesses in leather to order.

Fine leather goods

Make handbags, wallets or suitcases, as one-off pieces or in small runs.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you have manual dexterity and good hand-eye coordination
- ✓ you enjoy working leather and fabric with precise tools
- ✓ you are careful, including with visible stitching
- ✓ you like advising a client and meeting their request

Less suitable if...

- – you cope badly with machine noise and the smell of glue or leather
- – you dislike meticulous work that takes time
- – you dislike sometimes working outdoors or in a stable

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:00 **Reading the order** : Study the client's request and measurements and choose the right leather or fabric.

09:00 **Patterns and cutting** : Draw the patterns, then cut the leather or fabric with a knife or a machine.

10:30 **Skiving the edges** : Thin and prepare the leather edges before joining them.

13:00 **Sewing and assembly** : Join the parts by machine or by hand, by stitching, gluing or riveting.

15:00 **Fitting and adding fittings** : Fit the upholstery, buckles or fastenings to the piece.

16:30 **Checking and presenting** : Check the stitching and finish, then present the piece to the client.

Cutting leather and fabric | Pattern making | Machine sewing | Hand sewing | Upholstering and fitting | Fitting hardware | Client advice | Manual dexterity | Precision | Aesthetic sense | Patience | Client focus

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 the trade

- Leather, fabrics and tools
- Patterns and cutting
- Basic sewing and gluing

Year 2

Your specialisation

- Making in your specialisation
- Repairs and alterations
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Complete orders

- Client orders on your own
- Advice and cost estimates
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) before the end of the second year: a task of up to 6 hours. Then the final exam: a practical part of up to 16 hours with a 20-minute discussion, and a written part. Qualification: Gesellenbrief (Chamber of Crafts, HWK) or IHK certificate, depending on the company.

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 machine noise and smells, sometimes outdoors for fitting or in a stable. A mask and ear protection are worn as needed.

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 saddler

Work in a saddlery, the leather industry, at a car supplier or in a restoration workshop.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Master saddler and leather maker

Take the Meister (master craftsman) exam for saddlers and leather goods makers to run a workshop.

LONGER TERM

Studies or own workshop

With the required entry level, study textile and clothing technology or open your own 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.
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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