Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Chimney sweep (Schornsteinfeger/in)

Schornsteinfeger / Schornsteinfegerin

You inspect and clean heating systems, flues and ventilation for safety and energy: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, in a craft business.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3 years**	**B2**	**€902 to €1,102**
required	36 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a chimney sweep does

They check the operational and fire safety of heating, flue gas and ventilation systems. They clean, measure emissions, keep records and advise customers.

Inspect

Check heating systems, flues and ventilation for operational safety and fire safety.

Clean

Sweep fireplaces and flues, and remove deposits from ventilation systems.

Advise

Record measurements and defects, then advise on energy efficiency and climate protection.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you are careful and cautious in your work
- ✓ you like technology and precise measurements
- ✓ you are comfortable working at height, on roofs
- ✓ you like dealing with customers

Less suitable if...

- – you are afraid of heights or avoid roofs
- – you dislike dirty and physical work
- – you refuse to follow strict safety rules

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Preparing the round** : Read the day's appointments, prepare the tools and the protective equipment.

08:00 **Sweeping a flue** : Clean a chimney flue and check that it carries the gases away properly.

10:00 **Checking a boiler** : Check the heating system and measure emissions with the appropriate instruments.

12:30 **Ventilation and extractor** : Inspect and clean a ventilation system or a cooker extractor hood.

14:00 **Inspection report** : Write down the measurements, the defects found and the steps needed to fix them.

15:30 **Advising the customer** : Explain the results and give advice on safety and energy.

Flue inspection | Sweeping and cleaning | Emission measurement | Ventilation and extractors | Fire safety | Report writing | Safety awareness | Attention to detail | Comfort at height | People skills | Willingness to learn

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

- Trade rules and safety
- Sweeping and cleaning
- Checking flue gas systems

Year 2

Inspecting

- Heating and flue gas systems
- Ventilation and extractors
- Exam part 1 (4th half-year)

Year 3

Assessing and advising

- Fire safety and energy
- Measurements, defects, records
- Customer advice, final exam

Exams and qualification

The journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) has 2 parts. Part 1 takes place in the 4th half-year: sweeping and inspection work, with a 4-hour practical task, a 10-minute discussion and a 60-minute written paper. Part 2, at the end, covers 4 areas: operational and fire safety, climate and energy, ventilation, economics and social studies. You obtain the Gesellenbrief from the 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.
- ✓ BERUFENET cites manual skill, caution and body control, for example for sweeping flues and working at height, on roofs.

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 chimney sweep

Jobs in a chimney sweep business or with an energy consultancy.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Inspection specialist

Take on more complex inspections, measurements and energy advice.

LONGER TERM

Master chimney sweep (Meister)

Take the Schornsteinfegermeister, the master craftsman qualification for the trade.

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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