Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Stonemason and stone sculptor (Steinmetz/in und Steinbildhauer/in)

Steinmetz und Steinbildhauer / Steinmetzin und Steinbildhauerin

You cut, shape and install natural stone for stairs, floors, facades and memorials: a paid 3-year training in a craft business.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate	**3 years**	**B2**	**€942 to €1,212**
required	36 months	required level	gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a stonemason does

They advise customers on form and material, draw, saw and polish stone by machine or by hand, then transport and install it; in restoration, they repair historic work.

Design

Advise the customer, choose the stone, make sketches and digital drawings before cutting.

Cut

Saw, grind and shape blocks of natural or artificial stone, by machine or by hand.

Install and restore

Fit floors, stairs or gravestones, and repair or clean historic structures.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you enjoy manual work and raw material taking shape
- ✓ you have a sense of aesthetics and creativity
- ✓ you like drawing, reading plans and setting up machines
- ✓ you accept working in a workshop as well as outdoors

Less suitable if…

- – you struggle with noise and stone dust
- – you dislike working outdoors in all weathers
- – you want a job without manual work or precision

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Start of shift and instructions** : The trainer presents the day's orders and reminds you of the protective equipment to wear.

07:30 **Sketching and drawing the piece** : Go over the customer's wishes, draw the piece and prepare the dimensions to respect.

09:00 **Sawing the block** : Cut the slab or block of stone to size with the workshop saw.

11:00 **Shaping and finishing** : Cut the edges, grind and polish the surface, then check the result with the master.

13:30 **Engraving an inscription** : Transfer a text or ornament onto the stone and engrave it carefully.

15:00 **Installation or preparing transport** : Load the finished elements and fix them on site, with the team, following the plan.

Natural stone cutting | Drawing and digital design | Sawing and polishing | Engraving texts and ornaments | Laying slabs and facades | Restoring structures | Manual skill | Creativity | Precision | Caution | Sense of aesthetics

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

- Organising your workstation
- Tools, machines and safety
- Cutting blocks and slabs

Year 2

Forms and surfaces

- Profiles, inlays, inscriptions
- Elements in mineral materials
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

The specialisation

- Laying floors, stairs, facades
- Memorials and restoration
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) takes place at the end of the second year: making a piece in natural stone. The journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) follows at the end of training, with five areas including a customer order, design and installation. 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.
- ✓ The work takes place amid the noise and dust of workshops and outdoors (yards, building sites, cemeteries), with helmet, goggles, ear protection and safety shoes.

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 stonemason

Work in a stone or memorial workshop, or in a restoration company.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Master stonemason

Take the master craftsman exam for stonemasons and stone sculptors to run a business.

LONGER TERM

Studies or own business

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