Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Road builder (Straßenbauer/in)

Straßenbauer / Straßenbauerin

You build roads, cycle paths and squares: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, for an outdoor career in civil engineering.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,084 to €1,522** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a road builder does

They build roads, paths, squares and cycle tracks: earthworks, base layers, surfacing in asphalt, concrete or paving stones, and maintenance work.

Excavate

Mark out the site, dig, compact the ground and lay the gravel base layers.

Surface

Lay asphalt or concrete, fit paving stones and slabs, and build the kerbs.

Maintain

Repair road surfaces, set up site traffic signs and prepare the way for utility lines.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you like working outdoors and seeing a useful structure being built
- ✓ you are handy with tools and measuring instruments
- ✓ you like operating site machinery carefully
- ✓ you are careful when laying and aligning paving stones

Less suitable if…

- – you cope badly with bad weather and site noise
- – you dislike working hours that are sometimes at night or at weekends
- – you are looking for an office job

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Briefing and safety** : The team receives its instructions, puts on hi-vis vest, helmet and safety boots and checks the equipment.

08:00 **Marking out the site** : Set up the signs and traffic control devices according to the planned signage layout.

09:30 **Earthworks and base layer** : Dig, compact the ground and spread the gravel layer with the help of the machines.

11:00 **Laying paving stones** : Lay the stones in regular lines, check the levels and adjust the joints.

13:30 **Asphalt and finishing** : Spread and compact the asphalt, smooth the joints and edges with hand tools.

15:30 **Checking and cleaning** : Check the finished work, tidy the site and clean the tools before the end of the day.

Earthworks | Laying paving and slabs | Asphalt laying | Machinery operation | Reading plans | Levelling measurements | Precision | Care | Stamina | Teamwork | 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, signage and safety
- Reading plans and measuring
- Earthworks and first paving

Year 2

Practice

- Asphalt, concrete and kerbs
- Drainage of road surfaces
- Part 1 of the final exam

Year 3

The trade

- Complete roads and squares
- Repairs and demolition
- 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 is done outdoors in all weathers, with noise, dust and asphalt fumes; it calls for dexterity and care when working with machinery.

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 road builder

Jobs in road and track construction, underground utility work or a municipal technical department.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Deepen your skills in road and paving construction or building repair through short courses.

LONGER TERM

Master or degree

Take the Straßenbauermeister (master), 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.
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.
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