Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Veterinary assistant (Tiermedizinische/r Fachangestellte/r)

Tiermedizinischer Fachangestellter / Tiermedizinische Fachangestellte

You help the vet during treatment, welcome owners and look after animals: a paid 3-year training in a veterinary practice or clinic.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€914 to €1,129** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a veterinary assistant does

Veterinary assistants help the vet with operations and X-rays, carry out laboratory tests, manage the pharmacy and look after animals on the ward. They also welcome owners.

Assist

Help the vet during operations and X-rays, prepare equipment and medicines.

Care

Look after animals on the ward, carry out laboratory tests, manage the practice pharmacy.

Welcome and advise

Receive owners, give appointments, advise on prevention and appropriate animal care.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you love animals and accept close contact with them
- ✓ you are careful with medicines and hygiene
- ✓ you listen well to worried owners
- ✓ you keep calm when faced with a sick animal

Less suitable if...

- – you cannot cope with animal smells and droppings
- – you are uncomfortable around sick or dead animals
- – you refuse any on-call duty or varying hours

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:00 **Starting at the practice** : You prepare the treatment rooms and equipment, then check the morning's appointments.

08:30 **Welcoming owners** : You welcome owners and their animals, register their details and show them where to wait.

10:00 **Assisting in consultation** : You hold the animal and pass instruments to the vet during the examination.

12:00 **Sampling and laboratory** : You prepare a blood sample and carry out simple tests in the practice laboratory.

14:30 **Caring for ward animals** : You feed the animals on the ward, clean the cages and check on their condition.

16:30 **Pharmacy and billing** : You shelve the medicines delivered, then enter the day's services for billing.

Assisting the vet | Hygiene and disinfection | Laboratory tests | X-rays and radiation safety | Pharmacy management | Animal care | Reception and billing | Love of animals | Rigour | Composure | Empathy | 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

- Hygiene and protection
- Reception and administration
- First aid

Year 2

Animal care

- Assisting examinations
- Intermediate exam
- Pharmacy and equipment

Year 3

Consolidation

- X-rays, laboratory
- Assisting treatments
- Final exam

Exams and qualification

A written intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) takes place before the end of the second year: hygiene, protection against infections and animal diseases, first aid, materials management, data. The final exam has a practical part, with a professional discussion, and a written part: treatment assistance, organisation, infectious diseases, radiation protection, economics. Qualification via the competent chamber.

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.
- ✓ Contact with animals is close, with smells and droppings; you may work in cages, stables or enclosures. A medical certificate of fitness is required and on-call duty is possible.

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 veterinary assistant

Jobs in veterinary practices, animal clinics or animal parks.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Adaptation courses

Update your skills, from medical assistance to hygiene in healthcare settings.

LONGER TERM

Management or studies

Become an office and project management specialist, or study veterinary medicine with a baccalaureate.

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.
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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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