Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Joiner / cabinetmaker (Tischler/in)

Tischler / Tischlerin

You make and install wooden furniture, doors, windows and stairs, often as one-off pieces: a paid 3-year training in a joinery workshop and at vocational school.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€827 to €1,085** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a joiner does

They advise the customer on their interior, draw up a design, then saw, plane, sand and join wood and boards before installing on site and repairing damaged furniture.

Design

Advise the customer on their interior, draw up designs and prepare sample pieces.

Make

Saw, plane, sand, veneer and treat wood, then join the parts with screws or glue.

Install

Fit windows, stairs and doors, lay parquet floors, install built-in furniture and wall panelling.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you enjoy working with wood and making useful objects
- ✓ you are careful and respect measurements to the millimetre
- ✓ you have a sense of beauty and like to suggest ideas
- ✓ you enjoy contact with customers and building sites

Less suitable if...

- – you struggle with noise and wood dust
- – you dislike working near dangerous machines
- – you refuse assembly trips to building sites

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Start of shift and instructions** : The trainer assigns the day's orders and reminds you of the safety rules.

07:30 **Cutting the timber** : Saw the rough timber to the right size, following the drawing's measurements and safety instructions.

09:30 **Joining the components** : Drill, cut tenons and mortises, then glue and screw the parts of the piece together.

11:00 **Sanding and finishing** : Sand the surfaces then apply the chosen finish to the piece of furniture.

13:30 **Fitting the hardware** : Adjust the hinges and handles then check that the doors close properly.

15:00 **Installing at the customer's** : Deliver and install a piece of furniture or a fitting on site, then explain its care to the customer.

Working wood and boards | Drawing and design | Manual and machine work | Surface finishing | Fitting and installation | Furniture repair | Manual skill | Precision | Creativity | Caution | Customer contact

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

- Safety, tools and machines
- Sawing, planing, joining wood
- Simple drawings and plans

Year 2

Making

- Making parts and furniture
- Surface treatment
- Intermediate exam

Year 3

Independence

- Complete customer orders
- Installation and after-sales service
- Journeyman's exam

Exams and qualification

An intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung) takes place before the end of the second year. The journeyman's exam (Gesellenprüfung) comprises two practical tasks of equal weight (the second of up to 100 hours, with a technical discussion) and written papers. 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 in noisy workshops and on building sites in all weathers, with protective equipment (shoes, goggles, gloves, ear and respiratory protection).

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 joiner

Work for a furniture or wood-product manufacturer, or in a building joinery.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Master joiner (Tischlermeister)

Take the master craftsman exam to lead a team, train apprentices or take over a workshop.

LONGER TERM

Studies or own workshop

With university entrance qualification: a bachelor's in wood technology; or set up your own joinery.

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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