Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Dental assistant (Zahnmedizinische/r Fachangestellte/r)

Zahnmedizinischer Fachangestellter / Zahnmedizinische Fachangestellte

You assist the dentist, welcome patients and run the practice: a paid 3-year training in a dental practice.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,000 to €1,200** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a dental assistant does

Dental assistants organise the practice, prepare treatment rooms and instruments, assist the dentist during treatment, take X-rays, explain prevention to patients and handle records and billing.

Assist

Prepare instruments, help the dentist during treatment and take X-rays in line with safety rules.

Prevent

Explain prevention, teach patients oral hygiene and help with preventive care.

Organise

Plan appointments, keep records, enter services and liaise with insurers and laboratories.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you are careful with instruments and hygiene rules
- ✓ you have the dexterity to prepare materials
- ✓ you listen well to patients, who are sometimes anxious
- ✓ you can keep patient data confidential

Less suitable if…

- – you cannot cope with close contact with patients
- – you are uncomfortable with blood and dental treatment
- – you refuse to provide proof of vaccination

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:45 **Preparing the treatment rooms** : You check the rooms, sterilised instruments and the appointment book before the first patients arrive.

08:30 **Welcoming patients** : You welcome patients, register their details and take them to the treatment room.

09:30 **Chairside assistance** : You set out the equipment and assist the dentist during a filling or a scale and polish.

11:30 **Dental X-ray** : You take an X-ray, applying the measures that protect against radiation.

14:00 **Hygiene and instruments** : You clean, disinfect and sterilise the instruments, then release them for reuse.

16:00 **Explanations and billing** : You show a patient how to brush, then enter the day's services for billing.

Chairside assistance | Hygiene and sterilisation | Dental X-rays | Prevention and prophylaxis | Preparing materials | Appointment management | Billing of treatments | Rigour | Discretion | Empathy | Dexterity | 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 instruments
- Welcoming patients
- Professional confidentiality

Year 2

Patient care

- Assisting treatments
- Exam part 1
- X-rays, safety

Year 3

Consolidation

- Prevention and prophylaxis
- Organisation, billing
- Part 2 of the final exam

Exams and qualification

The final exam (Abschlussprüfung) takes place in two parts. Part 1, in the fourth half-year of training, is written: hygiene and preparing medical devices, receiving and registering patients. Part 2, at the end of training, covers assisting with and documenting treatment, administration, billing and economics. Qualification issued via the competent professional 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 patients is close, with a risk of infection; you wear work clothing, gown, gloves and a mask. On-call duty is possible depending on the practice.

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 dental assistant

Jobs in dental practices, orthodontic or oral surgery practices, or dental clinics.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Specialist assistant (ZMF, ZMV)

Move up to dental specialist assistant or dental administration assistant.

LONGER TERM

Studying dentistry

With a baccalaureate, studying dentistry is one possible route after the training.

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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