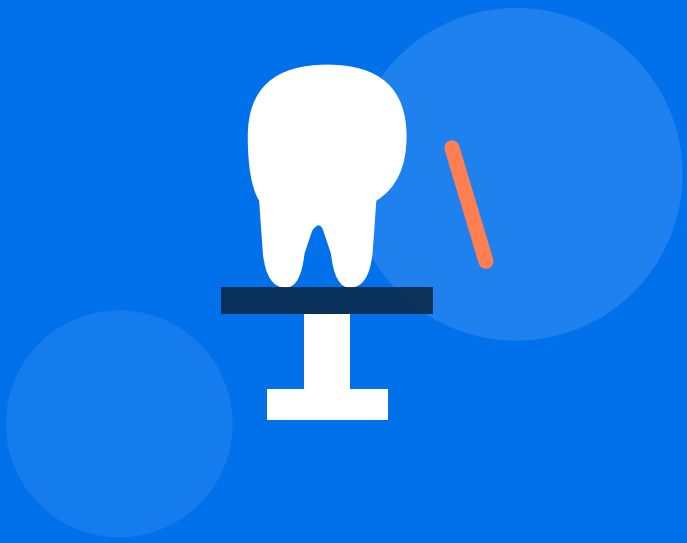
Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Dental technician (Zahntechniker/in)

Zahntechniker / Zahntechnikerin

You make custom crowns, bridges and dentures, by hand and digitally: a paid 42-month training in a dental laboratory.



LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3.5 years** 42 months	**B2** required level	**€810 to €1,100** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a dental technician does

They make fixed dental restorations such as crowns, bridges and implants, as well as removable partial and full dentures. They also make orthodontic appliances and repair dentures.

Model

Make models from dental impressions, using manual and digital techniques.

Make

Produce crowns, bridges, partial and full dentures using different materials.

Repair

Clean and repair dentures and appliances that correct the position of teeth or jaws.

This occupation is for you if...

- ✓ you have great dexterity and good hand-eye coordination
- ✓ you are meticulous and spot the smallest deviations
- ✓ you have a good sense of space and shape
- ✓ you are interested in biology, physics and materials

Less suitable if...

- – you cannot cope with grinding dust and fumes
- – you want work without millimetre precision
- – you want a job without machines or hand tools

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

08:00 **Briefing and orders** : The trainer presents the day's orders sent by the dental practices.

08:30 **Making models** : You pour and prepare a plaster model from a patient's dental impression.

10:30 **Modelling a crown** : You model a crown in wax, respecting the shape and function of the tooth.

13:00 **Working on a denture** : You fit, grind and polish a partial denture, wearing a mask and gloves.

15:00 **Digital work and checks** : You work on a digital model and check the fit of the pieces you have made.

16:30 **Cleaning and quality** : You clean the workstation, check the quality of the pieces and prepare them for dispatch.

Models from impressions | Crowns and bridges | Partial and full dentures | Orthodontic appliances | Denture repair | Digital processes | Quality control | Dexterity | Meticulousness | Spatial sense | Patience | Observation

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
- Models and work documents
- Simple partial dentures
- Materials, tools, safety

Year 2
Technique
- Full dentures
- Hand-modelled crowns
- Exam part 1

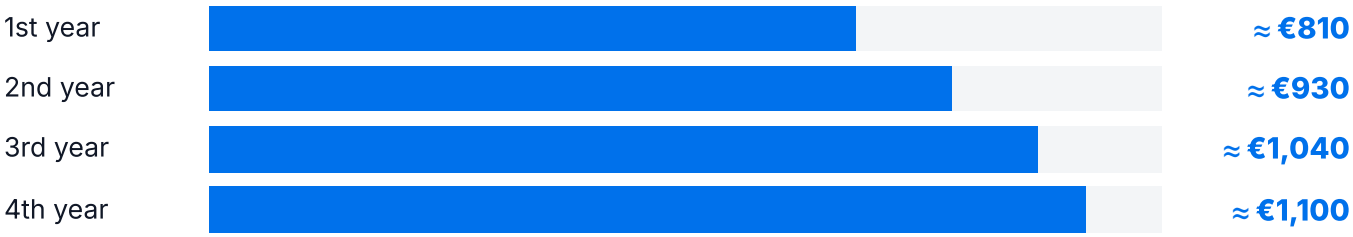
Year 3
Fixed restorations
- Crowns and bridges
- Orthodontic appliances
- Optical and digital methods

Year 4 (6 months)
Finalising
- Preparing guided implants
- Quality control, organisation
- Part 2 of the final exam

Exams and qualification

The Gesellenprüfung (journeyman's exam) has two parts. Part 1, in the fourth half-year, covers temporary partial dentures, splints, hand-modelled crowns and dental workpieces: it counts for 30%. Part 2, at the end of training, counts for 70%: orders, production planning, economics. Qualification: the Gesellenbrief, through the 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.
- ✓ In the workshop you work with grinding dust and sometimes chemical fumes; in the laboratory, under artificial light. You wear protection such as gloves and a mask.

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 technician

Jobs in dental laboratories, dental practice laboratories or dental clinics.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Additional training

Extend your skills, for example in computer-aided design.

LONGER TERM

Meister, studies or own lab

Take the Meister, study dentistry with a baccalaureate or open your own laboratory.

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.
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7 — **Prepare your departure and settling in**
Travel, housing and first steps in Germany: we prepare you before you leave.
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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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