Vocational training in Germany (Ausbildung)

Carpenter (Zimmerer/in)

Zimmerer / Zimmerin

You build roof frames, timber houses and staircases: a 3-year training, paid from the first year, for working with wood on building sites.

LEVEL	DURATION	GERMAN	PAY DURING TRAINING
Baccalaureate required	**3 years** 36 months	**B2** required level	**€1,070 to €1,527** gross / month, during the training

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THE OCCUPATION IN 30 SECONDS

What a carpenter does

They build and erect roof trusses, timber houses and timber halls, make staircases, windows and partitions, protect the wood and renovate old structures.

Roof framing

Make and erect roof frames, dormers and timber frames from the plans.

Timber building

Make and assemble frame walls, solid timber elements and façade cladding.

Renovation

Replace damaged timbers, protect the wood and restore historic structures.

This occupation is for you if…

- ✓ you like working with wood and assembling large structures
- ✓ you have an eye for detail and manual precision
- ✓ you are not afraid of heights on a roof or a frame
- ✓ you like putting up structures as a team with colleagues

Less suitable if…

- – you are afraid of heights or avoid them
- – you find it hard to lift heavy beams
- – you are looking for an office job

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WORKSHOP

07:00 **Departure and safety briefing** : The team loads the materials, safety rules are recalled and everyone puts on a helmet and gloves.

08:00 **Reading the roof framing plan** : Identify the parts to cut and assemble, then take measurements on the timber.

09:30 **Cutting and machining timber** : Saw, plane and prepare beams in the workshop or on site with the right machines.

11:00 **Assembling a frame** : Join timber parts and erect a frame wall or a section of roof structure.

13:30 **Fitting insulation and cladding** : Install the insulation, ventilate the façade and fix the cladding following the instructions.

15:30 **Checking and tidying up** : Check the joints, clean the tools and store the offcuts of timber.

Roof framing and timber frames | Reading plans | Timber machining | Fitting stairs and windows | Insulation and cladding | Wood protection | Precision | Sense of balance | Teamwork | Safety awareness | Manual skill

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, tools and safety
- Reading plans and measuring
- Basic woodworking

Year 2

Practice

- Frames and roof elements
- Insulation and cladding
- Part 1 of the final exam

Year 3

The trade

- Roof frames and timber structures
- Renovation and wood protection
- 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 calls for good physical fitness to lift beams and heavy elements, and a head for heights to work at height.

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 carpenter

Jobs in carpentry firms, timber construction companies or façade companies.

WITH EXPERIENCE

Further training

Deepen your skills in roof framing or building repair through short training courses.

LONGER TERM

Master or degree

Take the Zimmerermeister (master carpenter), take over a firm or study timber technology.

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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