

Vocational training (dual and full-time)

Dual training

Dual training (vocational training) is a speciality in Germany. You work in a company. At the same time you go to school. This way you learn theory and practice. You spend two thirds of your time working. You spend one third of your time at school. The duration of an apprenticeship depends on the training occupation. As a rule, it lasts 3 years. If you have a high school diploma, you can also shorten the apprenticeship. At the end of the training period, you will take an examination. If you pass the exam, you can then work in this profession. There is no age limit for an apprenticeship. The advantage of dual training is that you earn money during your training.

How do I find the right apprenticeship?


You can find out more about apprenticeships here:

- **Berufenet**

 <https://web.arbeitsagentur.de/berufenet/>

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The Chamber of Crafts (HWK) is responsible for skilled trades professions. This covers professions such as baker, bricklayer or painter.

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The Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) is responsible for professions in industrial production, trade and services. This includes, for example, plant mechanics or wholesale and foreign trade clerks.

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If you are looking for an apprenticeship, you can find it here:

- [Apprenticeship Atlas](#) of the Bergische Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- [Apprenticeship radar](#)
- [Training.NRW](#)
- [Federal Employment Agency](#)

Full-time training at a vocational school

In Germany, there is also full-time school-based training at a vocational college. The vocational school at a vocational college provides completed vocational training in theory and practice outside the dual training system (without an apprenticeship in a company). It usually lasts two to three and a half years. Instruction takes place full-time. In addition to vocational subjects, it also includes general education subjects. The school-based training often includes a work placement. Vocational schools vary greatly in terms of their training programmes, admission requirements, duration of training and further education options. You should therefore speak to the school you are interested in.

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You can find an overview of school-based apprenticeships in the region [here](#).

You do not earn any money during a school-based training programme. You can apply for [student loans \(Schüler-Bafög\)](#) for financial support.

Part-time training

Part-time training is vocational training in which working hours are reduced.

This is a good solution for people who have little time. (For example, if people have to look after children, care for parents or do a language course). The training takes place at two locations. One place is the vocational school. This is where you learn a lot for your job. Another place is the company. This is where you work.

With part-time training, you work less in the company. This gives you more free time. You still get a vocational qualification.

You can find more information here: [Part-time vocational training](#)