Vocational training in Germany

for non-EU citizens

AT A GLANCE:
1. Get school-leaving certificates recognized and translated
2. Apply for a vocational training online
3. Apply for a visa
4. Come to Germany

1. Get school-leaving certificates recognized and translated

WHAT you need:
- curriculum vitae (short CV), including precise educational details
- school-leaving certificates (originals or certified copies)
- school-leaving certificates translated into German (originals or certified copies)

WHY
- online at the certification authority in the respective federal state (Zugewanderungsverwaltungsstelle des Bundeslandes)
- visit the website anabin to find out which department is responsible for the federal state you are interested in

WHERE
- 126 Euros

2. Apply for a vocational training online

WHAT you need:
- application documents including recognized school-leaving certificates
- on Ausbildung.de

WHERE
- For free

3. Apply for a visa

WHAT you need:
- a written confirmation by a training company (a contract would be best)
- sufficient money to make a living in Germany
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WHERE
- 60 Euros
- at the respective diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate)
- you have to apply in person
- the diplomatic mission contacts the foreign office in Germany
- the foreign office has to approve your application

Priority review ("Vorrangprüfung"): The Federal Employment Agency examines whether any German or EU-citizen applies for the same position. If not, you will receive the job. There are a number of vocational training positions that do not require a priority review. They are listed under the "Positivliste", most of them are craft professions.

4. Come to Germany

WHAT you need:
- start your vocational training in Germany

WHERE
- in Germany