

Fairs and information offers for vocational training and studies

The *stuzubi Hamburg* is a career fair for the high school graduates as well as for the students with an intermediate school leaving certificate (MSA).



Stuzubi Hamburg

Vocatium Hamburg Nord and *Vocatium Hamburg Süd* are the career fairs that offer support in making career and in choosing educational field: training and/or (dual) studies.



Vocatium Hamburg Nord (North)



Vocatium Hamburg Süd (South)

Important links:



Hamburg Youth Employment Agency (JBA)



Hamburg Institute for Vocational Education and Training (HIBB)



School Information Centre (SIZ)

The Federal Parents' Network of Migrant Organisations for Education & Participation is abbreviated as *bbt*.

The *bbt* is a network that supports parents' associations, and parents' initiatives, either taken by or taken for immigrant parents.

The *bbt* aims to promote equal educational opportunities for all by informing, encouraging and empowering immigrant parents and strengthening their rights to have a say. The *bbt* runs five regional offices in Germany.

The Regional Office North is one of the five regional offices. It is run by the *Amfn e.V.* society and supports the following Migrant Parents' Networks:

- the Migrant Parents' Network, Hamburg
- the Migrant Parents' Network, Lower Saxony
- the Migrant Parents' Network, Bremen

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From secondary school to the university? Or into a vocational training institute?



Information for parents and young people

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Dual training (duale Berufsausbildung)

The dual training is the most common system of professional training in Germany. Dual means that one part of the training takes place at a company (e.g. 4 days a week) whereas the other part at the professional school (1 day a week). This way the system links theory with practice.

The training usually lasts for 2 to 3 years. Professional schools offer subjects for a specific profession or for general skills (German, Politics, Physical Education).

In Germany there are about 330 recognized apprenticeships, among which choosing a right training is very difficult. The Youth Employment Agency "Jugendberufsagentur" therefore advises and supports young people in finding the right training. Once the right training is selected, as a rule, the application must be filed with a company or at a working place where the apprenticeship is being offered. German language skills, at least level "B1", are required. You will execute a working contract with training company, and depending on the type of training, your monthly salary will vary between 400 and 600 Euros, which increases with successive year of training. At the same time, registration with a professional school is also mandatory.



*Ausbildungsplätze in und um Hamburg
(Apprenticeships in and around Hamburg)*



*Ausbildungsberatung der Handwerkskammer
Hamburg (Consultation by the "Chamber of Crafts")*



*Lehrstellenbörse der Handwerkskammer
Hamburg (Apprenticeship market at the
Chamber of Crafts)*



*Lehrstellenbörse der Industrie-
und Handelskammern (Apprenticeship market
at the "Chambers of Industry and Commerce")*

Studying

Studying at the German state universities is free and it is recognized worldwide for its good quality.

Prerequisite for studying at the university is usually a high school diploma, which can be obtained in different ways.

The Student Advisory Service at the University of Hamburg "Studienberatung Hamburg" informs about the study places in Hamburg.

Nationwide study places can be found at the Higher Education Compass "Hochschulkompass".

Studying at a technical college requires the Advanced Technical College Entrance Qualification "Fachhochschulreife".

In Hamburg, the technical college is called the University of Applied Sciences or HAW ("Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften Hamburg").

More information about the technical courses is available from the Student Advisory Service of the HAW Hamburg "Studienberatung HAW Hamburg".

Financial support during your studies

Citizens of the European Union, migrants and refugees who live in Germany, can get financial support from the state of Germany during their studies or during their school period. The applicable law is called the "Berufsausbildungsförderungsgesetz", or the "Bafög" for short.

More information on this, also without a German passport, can be found under the title "Bafög".

Dual studies

A dual degree consists of two parts. One part takes place at the university and the other part at a workplace or at the company. How these two phases are divided varies depending on the individual dual study program. Since the students remain busy and have few days off, they should be resilient and ambitious. Personal responsibility, independent learning and good organisational skills are also essential.

For further information visit the dual study guide "Wegweiser Duales Studium".

Preparation for Dual Training

Youngsters who, after leaving the school, are still required to complete compulsory education, and don't have an apprenticeship place, have the possibility to take part in the "Preparation for Dual Training", where they are prepared for a professional career. This is achieved by learning and working in a professional school for two days a week and doing an internship at a company for three days a week. This increases their chances of finding a suitable apprenticeship place. Further advice is available from the Youth Employment Agency under the title "Preparation for Dual Training" or "Jugendberufsagentur / Ausbildungsvorbereitung".

Special Professional Schools

Aside from a training in the dual system, some professions can also be learned at the Special Professional Schools "Berufsfachschule". The state-run Special Professional Schools are free but at the private schools you must pay a fee. Information about the structure of the courses and about the admission requirements at the state-run Special Professional Schools can be found under the title "Berufsfachschulen".

What's next after the school?

The Youth Employment Agency in Hamburg offers comprehensive information on career and study choices at seven locations.

There are also advisory services for the young people who want to switch to school-based vocational training or preparatory training. You will find all the information from the Hamburg Youth Employment Agency.



Hamburg Youth Employment Agency (JBA)