

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The Canada-Germany Young Workers Exchange Program

WHAT IS IT?

The program is designed for Canadian candidates who have graduated in disciplines related to industry, commerce, science and technology.

Applications meeting the eligibility requirements are sent to the German government, which begins a job search based on the applicant's qualifications. However, trainees will not be admitted to Germany until they have found employment and the authorities are satisfied that the remuneration meets the going rate in the Federal Republic of Germany for the occupation and locale. Authorities will also want to ensure that the terms of employment are respected.

Trainees in the program enjoy the same treatment as German nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

Participants may stay in Germany, as part of the program, up to 18 months.

Once the training period ends, trainees may not remain in Germany to look for work or to hold another job without the express authorization to do so.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must:

- be graduates of a university or have a post-secondary diploma or certificate from an institute of technology or equivalent educational institution;
- have a minimum of one year of working experience directly related to their academic degree or diploma;
- undertake their training in their own profession or trade;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have a working knowledge of German. (A certificate from a language teacher is needed if German is not the first language.)

HOW DO I APPLY?

Once approved, trainees are not permitted to enter Germany without an entry authorization. It is also highly recommended that approved trainees obtain a work permit before departure for Germany. Trainees are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.

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