

GERMANY

Canada-Germany Young Workers' Exchange Program

WHAT IS IT?

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

Applications from candidates meeting the eligibility requirements are sent to the German authorities, who then match applicants with jobs for which they are qualified. 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 type of job and region concerned, and that the terms of employment meet German standards and will be respected.

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

HOW LONG IS IT?

Program participants may stay in Germany for up to 18 months. Once the internship ends, a trainee may not remain in Germany to look for work or to hold another job without express authorization to do so.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be a graduate of a university, an institute of technology or an equivalent educational institution;
- have a minimum of one year's work experience directly related to your degree or diploma;
- undertake training in your chosen trade or profession;
- 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 your first language).

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Once approved, trainees are not permitted to enter Germany without a residence permit. You are strongly advised to wait until you receive a work permit before you leave for Germany. Trainees are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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