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Confederation of the German Textile and Fashion Industry  
Information Brochure

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The German textile and fashion industry is a world leader in technology and one of the most modern and high performance industry sector in Germany. Virtually no other sector offers such a comprehensive range of vocational training and further development opportunities. Committed workers receive excellent qualifications and there are many opportunities for advancement.

Textiles determine our life in many areas: increasing safety in cars, reducing fuel consumption in aircraft, helping accelerate the healing process in medicine and expressing our feelings and emotions in fashion.

Be a part of it – vocational training in the German textile and fashion industry is not just exciting but it also offers you excellent prospects for the future.



Textiles and textile composites can be found in aircrafts, cars and ships, in road construction and landscaping, and aviation and aerospace engineering – these areas would simply not be competitive today without textiles.

Today large portions of modern aircraft consist of fibre-reinforced polymers. The use of textiles in cars is constantly increasing, mainly replacing metal components because they enable lighter and more efficient structures.



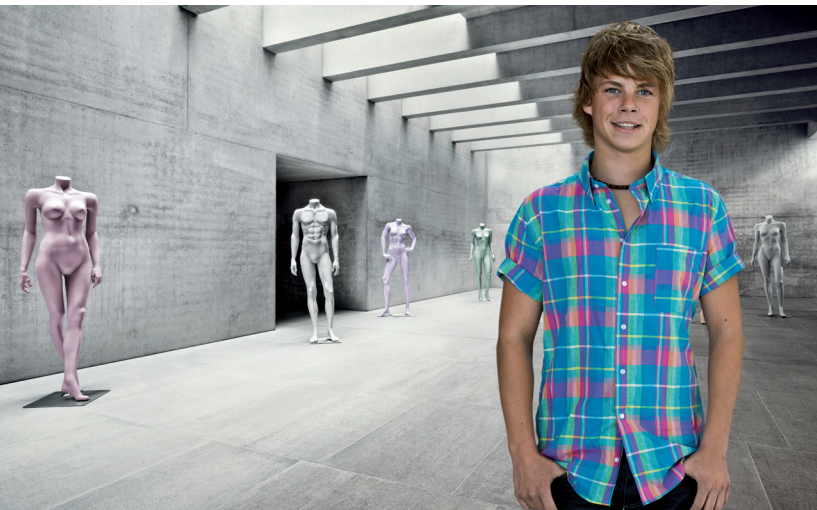


Knitted textiles allow water to be harvested from fog in desert areas thereby making a significant contribution to providing drinking water to the population. In structural engineering textile insulating materials make an important contribution to reducing energy consumption, thereby lowering CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Textile-reinforced concrete is increasingly playing a large role in the construction of roads, for example when building bridges.



Textile medical products are vital to hospitals, healthcare and surgery: from implants to wound treatment products to organ replacement.

Anti-bacterial textiles provide relief, for example to neurodermatitis patients. They are an important tool which prevents many hospital infections each year. Textile implants also play an important role, e.g. in heart and eye surgeries as well as hernias.



Clothing from Germany is popular everywhere in the world. German fashion companies and designers enjoy an outstanding reputation worldwide. In addition approximately 100 workwear manufacturers in Germany produce safety and protective textiles with a value of over 700 million Euro annually. In disaster control alone over 2 million chemical protective suits are required each year.



We are surrounded by home and household textiles everywhere in our daily lives. Quality premium home and household textiles increase well-being.

In addition to aesthetics and design, ecological viewpoints, in particular such as environmental sustainability play a decisive role. Safety aspects are also always important in this context. Flame-retardant textiles therefore allow for significantly longer escape times in case of fire.



## Education

As a Textile and Fashion Machinist you create prototypes, sew patterns and are responsible for creating custom-made products. Your tasks also include maintaining and adjusting sewing machines and automatic sewing machines.

Places you would work include the series and collection production in sewing departments and pattern-making studios.

## Requirements

Vocational training as a Textile and Fashion Machinist requires imagination and an interest in fashionable clothing and textiles. Care and precision when working are also needed.

## Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Assistant to the Production Manager.

After your training and with the appropriate experience you could attend a training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Clothing Technician.



### Textile and Fashion Machinist

Qualifications: Ordinary school leaver's certificate  
Duration: 2 years on-the-job training combined with vocational college attendance



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## Education

As a Textile and Fashion Pattern Cutter you implement cutting patterns, plan production and are responsible for the sample sewing department. Your work takes place in pattern-making studios or other production areas. Your area of work comprises independently producing fashionable designs as well as organisational activities.

## Requirements

Vocational training as a Textile and Fashion Pattern Cutter requires imagination and an interest in fashionable clothing and textiles.

## Prospects

After your training and with the appropriate experience you could take a training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Clothing Technician.

This education is a very good basis for later undergraduate and postgraduate study.







## Machine and systems operator

Qualifications: Ordinary school leaver's certificate  
Duration: 2 years on-the-job training combined with vocational college attendance



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### Education

As a machine and systems operator you operate and maintain the machines and oversee production. You step into action when a production machine needs to be properly used and maintained.

You understand the systems and know how to set up and look after the machines. You are able to properly operate and modify the machines and likewise are able to diagnose and rectify faults.

### Requirements

This job requires an interest in technical developments, mechanical and technical understanding, motor skills and quick comprehension.

### Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Assistant to the Production Manager.

After your training and with the appropriate experience you could take a training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Textile Technician.



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### Education

As a Production Technician you analyse sample patterns, monitor production processes and production machines. You always step into action when a production machine needs to be correctly set up.

You understand processes, mechatronic systems and know which yarns and fabrics are used. You control the operation of the machines and are responsible for quality checks.

### Requirements

This job requires an interest in technical developments, mechanical and technical understanding, motor skills and quick comprehension.

### Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Assistant to the Production Manager.

After you have completed your training and with the appropriate experience you could take a training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Textile Technician.







## Education

As a Product Finisher you create formulas, ensure environmental requirements and apply textile finishing processes. You always step into action when a production machine needs to be correctly set up.

You understand processes and supervise the finishing process. You know how process control systems work and master the calculation of finishing formulas.

## Requirements

This job requires an interest in technical developments, chemical and physical understanding, motor skills and quick comprehension.

## Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Assistant to the Production Manager.

After your training and with the appropriate experience you could take a training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Textile Technician.





## Textile Laboratory Technician

Qualifications: Ordinary school leaver's certificate  
Duration: 3.5 years on-the-job training combined with vocational college attendance



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### Education

As a Textile Laboratory Technician you test materials such as fibrous materials, yarns and textile surfaces, and auxiliary materials for manufacturing and finishing textiles.

You evaluate test results and set quality standards. This job is based in operational environment protection or in research and development.

### Requirements

This role requires an interest in dealing with materials, scientific understanding and quick comprehension.

### Prospects

With the required aptitude you could become Assistant to the Head of Laboratory Management or the Head of the Laboratory.

On achieving the Fachhochschulreife/Hochschulreife (university entrance qualifications) you will get all opportunities to proceed to university study (for example for either a Bachelor or Masters of Science).





## Textiles Product Designer

Qualifications: Ordinary school leaver's certificate  
Duration: 3 years on-the-job training combined  
with vocational college attendance



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### Education

As a Product Designer you draw up the patterns for all types of textiles and implement sample pattern designs in practice.

You work with graphics software and hand-drawn sketches. You ensure that the patterns are technically and commercially viable and create the necessary technical documents for production.

### Requirements

This job requires an interest in shapes and colours, drawing skills, a preference for dealing with textiles and an interest in fashion.

### Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Assistant to the Head of the Studio.

On achieving the Fachhochschulreife/Hochschulreife (university entrance qualifications) you will get all opportunities to proceed to study design or textiles at university (for example for either a Bachelor or Masters of Art).



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As a Product Tester you evaluate premium goods on inspection machines, remedy fabric faults and rectify contaminants so they are no longer visible. You know the causes of faults and ensure that they are rectified.

### Requirements

This job requires an interest in dealing with textiles, a tendency for delicate work, motor skills and quick comprehension.

### Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Inspection Manager.

After your training and with the appropriate experience you could complete a work-based training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Textile Technician.





## Education

As a Technical Assembler you make tarpaulins for heavy goods vehicles, canvas, blinds, protective clothing, flexible water tanks and more out of various materials. You are responsible for cutting, sewing and combining the textile and synthetic materials and affixing accessories such as straps, eyelets and fittings. In addition, you also work in assembly e.g. constructing stadium roofing canopies.

## Requirements

This job requires an interest in dealing with textiles, mechanical and technical understanding, motor skills and quick comprehension.

## Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Assistant to the Production Manager.

After your training and with the appropriate experience you could take a training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Textile Technician.





## Education

As a Textile Cleaner you always step into action when a washing machine or cleaning machine needs to be correctly set up.

This job requires an interest in technical developments, chemical and physical understanding, motor skills and quick comprehension.

## Requirements

This role requires an interest in dealing with materials, scientific understanding and quick comprehension.

## Prospects

With the required aptitude you could be promoted to Team Leader, Group Leader or Assistant to the Production Manager.

After your training and with the appropriate experience you could take a training course to become a Textile Industry Master or a state certified Textile Technician.





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In addition to textile-related apprenticeships the textile and fashion industry also offers a number of non-textile business and commercial apprenticeships. These include:

- Retail Salesperson
- Industrial Administrator
- Office Management Administrator
- Wholesale and Export Clerk
- Industrial Mechanic
- Warehouseman
- Mechatronics Technician
- Digital and Print Media Designer
- IT Specialist
- System Electronics Technician

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