

## Train operator



Train operators operate passenger and goods trains.

### Vocational training content

At the beginning of your training, you will learn everything about trains, right down to the individual parts that they are made of. This ensures that you will have the necessary technical knowledge that enables you to operate them safely. After all, as a train operator you will be responsible for the safety of your passengers or the goods being transported. The training programme will also teach you how to shunt trains. Upon completion of your training, you will be able to check railcars and make them ready for operation. In addition, you will acquire knowledge about signalling systems and the railway system infrastructure.

### Special requirements

Operators of locomotives, railcars and other vehicles have a big responsibility. For this job you need a high level of concentration. You should also be technically minded and have some mechanical skills in order to be able to carry out maintenance and inspection work on trains and machinery.

### Places of study

This is a dual vocational training programme. The theory is taught at a vocational school (*Berufsschule*) and practical training takes place at a craftsperson's workshop or an industrial company.

**Duration:** 3 years

### Remuneration corresponding to years of training (example "Deutsche Bahn")

1st year € 1,019.00

2nd year € 1,088.00

3rd year € 1,157.00

Remuneration (TVAöD): gross salary before tax and deductions for social security contributions; source: Federal Employment Agency (BA), as of March 2022.

### Sector of activities

- Road and rail traffic (goods and passenger railway companies)
- Mining, metal production, foundry, railcars (industrial railways in coal mining, iron and steel production and manufacturing)

### Your prospects after completion

- Employment at a railway company
- Specialisation in staff allocation
- Acquiring additional qualifications such as IT or foreign language skills
- Continuing vocational training to obtain a higher vocational qualification in engineering, business administration or as a bachelor professional (*Fachwirt*)

### Further information on this profession:

- [Federal Employment Agency](#) 
- [Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training](#)  (BIBB)



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### Information on the web

**Federal Ministry of Education and Research – Praktisch unschlagbar!**

Useful links on vocational training [↗](#)

**Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)**

Profiles of several occupations requiring vocational training [↗](#)

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