



An adventure that is also  
of high practical value –  
initial and continuing  
vocational training abroad

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## Office communication in Chinese? Joinery using real wood in Ireland? Sending apprentices to the foreign branch in Australia?

Private individuals and companies putting their faith in initial and continuing training abroad are sure to emerge on the winning side. As well as the prospect of adventure, the positive outcomes produced include improved language skills, technical know-how, new contacts and a fresh sense of energy.

### IBS – your direct route abroad

The IBS will support you in finding the precise provision to match your training goals. Our database contains information on vocational learning programmes from all over the world. We provide a personal advisory service to school leavers, apprentices, VET students, skilled workers, trainers and company owners alike and can put you in touch with experienced consultants near your location.

### For company owners What are the possible benefits for your firm if staff travel abroad to continue training?

There are plenty of good answers we could give you. The skills and know-how that your employees bring back with them will help you improve your market position. You will enhance the way in which you market your training by building a reputation as a company that is committed to providing training at an international level. Sending apprentices and employees abroad can be the first stage of internationalising your company and can lay the foundations for the exchange of staff between countries. We will be happy to advise you on the very best way of exploiting the potential advantages of continuing training abroad.



#### Your benefits

- Training that is fit for the future
- A more secure supply of young skilled workers
- Training marketing that delivers a positive image
  - Motivated and effective trainees
- Trainers with experience and vision
  - Innovative and creative staff

### For apprentices and VET students Let us help to plan your learning adventure abroad

Spending parts of your vocational training abroad is a good way of gaining practical experience. We can provide the support you need to embark upon such an adventure. Our database contains details of exciting internships and international additional qualifications. It also includes information on how and where you can access financial support. There are even checklists and tips to aid your preparations with aspects such as health insurance. And, last but not least, we list a number of arguments that should help you to persuade your boss or training supervisor.

### For skilled workers and trainers

#### The IBS provides an opportunity to conquer the international market

We provide skilled workers, managers, vocational school teachers and training supervisor with a clear idea of how to extend their professional expertise abroad via routes such as job shadowing or management training and thus gain better access to international business, foreign partners and world markets.

Trainers in particular are likely to benefit from the chance to familiarise themselves with new teaching methods and to network more closely with partner companies abroad. The kind of experience they gain puts them in the perfect position to provide highly effective support to their own apprentices going abroad.



#### Your benefits

- Personal enrichment and a springboard for your career: international know-how, country-specific knowledge and language skills, intercultural competence
- Sought after key skills: openness of mind, willingness to embrace change, curiosity, strong communication skills, resilience and ability to work as part of a team



#### Our service

- Information on opportunities for initial and continuing vocational training abroad
- Advice on provision and implementation
- Planning support

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