

Proof of sufficient German language skills for applicants from abroad

Proof must be furnished by:

- Language certificate of the German Conference of State Ministers of Education (*KMK*) – level 2
- Certificate on the *Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber* (German language test for foreign student applicants) (**DSH-2 or DSH-3**)
- test *Deutsch als Fremdsprache für ausländische Studienbewerber* – TestDaF – (test in German as a foreign language for foreign student applicants) with a result tesifying level 4 in all four sections of the examination
- certificate on the *Prüfung zur Feststellung der Eignung ausländischer Studienbewerber für die Aufnahme eines Studiums an Hochschulen in der Bunderepublik Deutschland – Feststellungsprüfung-* (assessment test for foreign student applicants)
- proof of German language proficiency recognized by bilateral agreements or other arrangements made by the German Conference of State Ministers of Education (*KMK*) and the Association of Universities and other Higher Education Insitutions in Germany (*HRK*) as being sufficient for admission to studies at higher education institutions
- *Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom –GDS* (higher German language certificate), *Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom –KDS* (lower German language certificate or *Zeugnis der Zentralen Oberstufenprüfung –ZOP-* (central examination for upper grades) issued by the *Goethe- Institut*
- *Deutsche Sprachprüfung II* (German language examination II) issued by the *Sprachen- und Dolmetscher-Institut, Munich*
- a certificate issued or recognized by the German supreme State authority or any other competent institution under State law.

General rule: **The certificate has to correspond with LEVEL C (C1, C2) of the CEFR (Common European Framework of References for Languages)**

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages:

The CEFR is a recommendation of the Council of Europe. The aim is to standardize the assessment of language proficiency.

The CEFR subdivides European language tests into six levels:

- A - Basic (A1 and A2)
- B - Independent (B1 and B2)
- C - Proficient (C1 and C2)

A Basic User		B Independent User				C Proficient User			
A1 Breakthrough	A1 Waystage	B1 Threshold		B2 Vantage		C1 Effective Proficiency		C2 Mastery	
		B1.1	B1.2	B2.1	B2.2	C1.1	C1.2		
TestDaF				TDN 3		TDN 4		TDN 5	
						KDS / GDS Goetheinstitut			
						ZOP Goetheinstitut			
						Deutsche Sprachprüfung II Sprachen & Dolmetscherinstitut München			
						DSD 2 Sprachdiplom der Kultusminister- Konferenz – Zweite Stufe			
						DSH-2			