

**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 make language competence comparable.

The CEFR subdivides European language tests into six levels:

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

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