

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