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**Regulation issued by the Rectorate concerning proof of  
required language proficiency for admission to study  
programmes**

**§ 1 Scope of application**

- (1) Pursuant to § 63 (10) of the Universities Act (Federal Law Gazette No I 120/2002 in the currently valid version, hereinafter referred to as UG) if a student's first language is not the language in which the study programme is conducted, they must provide proof of their knowledge of this language in order to continue studying. This regulation specifies what constitutes proof of language proficiency in accordance with § 63 (10) of the UG.
- (2) Pursuant to § 63 (10b) of the UG if an applicant's first language is not German and they wish to follow a study programme that is conducted in German, they must, at the time of submitting their application for admission, provide proof of language proficiency at level A2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This regulation also determines proof of language proficiency in accordance with § 63 (10b) of the UG.
- (3) With the exception of § 1 (2), this regulation also applies to continuing education programmes ('Universitätslehrgänge'). Continuing education programmes aiming at the acquisition of the German language are excluded.
- (4) The regulation applies to all admissions for study programmes processed since the beginning of the general admission period for the summer semester 2019.

**§ 2 General requirements regarding language proficiency**

- (1) In order to be admitted to regular degree programmes and continuing education programmes, in accordance with § 1 (3), applicants whose first language is not the language in which the study programme will be conducted, are required to have achieved at least level B2 in the relevant language as defined by the CEFR.
- (2) Contrary to para. 1, the curriculum may determine that proof of a language level higher than B2 is required. In case study programmes have been arranged jointly with another institution, specific regulations may require a higher level of German proficiency.
- (3) The admission procedure regulations for English-language study programmes may require further proof of the requisite English proficiency.

**§ 3 Proof of German language proficiency at level A2 (CEFR)**

- (1) Qualifications (no restrictions on validity):
  - a. School leaving certificate from a school at which German is the language of instruction and examination or from an Austrian or German school abroad
  - b. Completion of a study programme conducted in German and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution

(2) Certificates (no older than two years at the time of application for admission):

- a. Österreichisches Sprachdiplom- ÖSD -Zertifikat A2 (Austrian Language Diploma A2)
- b. Goethe-Zertifikat A2 (Goethe certificate A2)
- c. telc Deutsch A2 (telc German A2)
- d. Österreichischer IntegrationsfondsA2 (Austrian Integration Fund A2)
- e. Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz DSD I (German language diploma from the KMK - Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs)
- f. Course certificates at level A2/b from the intensive German course or the continuing education programme 'German as a Foreign/Second Language (DaF/DaZ)' offered at the "Deutsch in Österreich" (German in Austria) language centre at the University of Klagenfurt

#### § 4 Proof of German language proficiency at level B2 (CEFR)

(1) Qualifications (no restrictions on validity):

- a. School leaving certificate from a school at which German is the language of instruction and examination or from an Austrian or German school abroad
- b. Completion of a study programme conducted in German and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution

(2) Successful completion of supplementary examination in German B2 as part of a preparatory course programme at an Austrian university (no restrictions on validity). This is the only accepted proof of proficiency in the German language if an applicant has been admitted to a preparatory course programme in preparation to take supplementary examinations at the University of Klagenfurt.

(3) German certificates (no older than three years at the time of application for admission):

- a. Österreichisches Sprachdiplom - ÖSD Zertifikat B2 (Austrian Language Diploma B2), previously: B2 Mittelstufe Deutsch
- b. Goethe-Institut: - Goethe Zertifikat B2 (Goethe certificate B2)
- c. telc Deutsch B2 (telc German B2)
- d. Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer StudienweberInnen DSH1 (German language proficiency test for foreign students applying to German universities)
- e. Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz DSD II, level B2 (German language diploma from the KMK - Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs)
- f. Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DaF) (German as a Foreign Language test), at least level TDN 4 in all sections
- g. B2 certificate from the "Deutsch in Österreich" (German in Austria) language centre at the University of Klagenfurt

#### § 5 Proof of German language proficiency at level C1 (CEFR)

(1) Qualifications (no restrictions on validity):

- a. School leaving certificate from a school at which German is the language of instruction and examination or from an Austrian or German school abroad
- b. Completion of a study programme conducted in German and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution

- (2) Successful completion of supplementary examination in German C1 as part of a preparatory course programme at an Austrian university (no restrictions on validity). This is the only accepted proof of proficiency in the German language if an applicant has been admitted to a preparatory course programme in preparation to take supplementary examinations at the University of Klagenfurt
- (3) German certificates (no older than three years at the time of application for admission):
- a. Österreichisches Sprachdiplom- ÖSD Zertifikat C1 (Austrian Language Diploma C1), previously: C1 Oberstufe Deutsch
  - b. Goethe-Institut - Goethe Zertifikat C1 (Goethe certificate C1)
  - c. telc Deutsch 'C1 Hochschule' (telc German ,C1 university')
  - d. Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer StudienweberInnen DSH2 (German language proficiency test for foreign students applying to German universities)
  - e. Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz DSD II, level C1 (German language diploma from the KMK - Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs)
  - f. Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DaF) (German as a Foreign Language test), at least level TDN 5 in all sections
  - g. C1 certificate from the "Deutsch In Österreich" (German in Austria) language centre at the University of Klagenfurt

#### **§ 6 Proof of English language proficiency at level B2 (CEFR)**

- (1) Qualifications (no restrictions on validity):
- a. Successful completion of the subject English at the level of the Austrian school leaving certificate (to be confirmed through the Austrian certificate of the final school year)
  - b. School leaving certificate from a school at which English is the language of instruction and examination or an Austrian school leaving certificate in English
  - c. Austrian certificate testifying the right to study, including the subject English passed at level B2
  - d. Completion of a study programme conducted in English and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution
- (2) English certificates (no older than three years at the time of application for admission):
- a. TOEFL iBT (minimum score: 85)
  - b. IELTS (minimum overall band score: 6)
  - c. Cambridge English: B2 First (minimum scale score: 160)
  - d. Cambridge English: First certificate (FCE) (minimum scale score: 160)
  - e. Cambridge English: Certificate in Advanced English CAE (level B2)

#### **§ 7 Proof of English language proficiency at level C1 (CEFR)**

- (1) Qualifications (no restrictions on validity):
- a. School leaving certificate from a school at which English is the language of instruction and examination
  - b. Completion of a study programme conducted in English and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution

- (2) English certificates (no older than three years at the time of application for admission):
- a. TOEFL iBT (minimum score: 100)
  - b. IELTS (minimum overall band score: 7)
  - c. Cambridge English: C1 Advanced (minimum scale score: 180)
  - d. Cambridge English: Advanced English (CAE) (minimum scale score: 180)

### **§ 8 Exceptions for doctoral degree programmes**

Admission to doctoral degree programmes may be exempt from the proof requirements set out in §§ 3 - 7, where the curriculum, courses offered, examinations and supervision arrangements are such that the programme can be successfully completed without these language skills. This would be the case if the applicant is highly proficient in a foreign language, and their dissertation can be written in this language and also supervised and assessed by the academic staff at the University of Klagenfurt in this language. Any Passing any examinations stipulated in the curriculum and any applicable conditions must also be possible in this language.

### **§ 9 Entry into force and expiry of regulations**

- (1) This regulation will enter into force on the day after it is published in the university bulletin.
- (2) Once this regulation enters into force, the ‘German language level for degree programme admission regulation’ issued by the Rectorate, as published on 04/07/2018 in university bulletin 21 No 125.2, will cease to apply.