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**Regulation issued by the Rectorate  
concerning further 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 as applicable, 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 that they are sufficiently proficient in this language to successfully continue their studies. 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').
- (4) The regulation applies to all admissions for study programmes processed as from the beginning of the general admission period for the winter semester 2024/25.

**§ 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 respective curriculum may determine that proof of a language level higher than B2 is required. Similarly, in the case of study programmes that 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 determine further items of proof concerning the requisite English proficiency.

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

The German language skills at level A2 (CEFR) must be supported by one of the items of proof listed below. The certificates mentioned under Item 2 must not be older than two years at the time of the application for admission.

- (1) Completion of a study programme conducted in German and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution
- (2) Certificates:
  - a. Österreichisches Sprachdiplom - ÖSD Zertifikat A2 (Austrian Language Diploma - ÖSD certificate A2)
  - b. Goethe Institut - Goethe-Zertifikat A2 (Goethe certificate A2)
  - c. telc Deutsch A2 (telc German A2)
  - d. Österreichischer Integrationsfonds - ÖIF-Prüfung A2 (Austrian Integration Fund - ÖIF Examination 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 certificate at level A2 from a language centre at an Austrian university
  - g. ECL examination in German as a Foreign Language, level A2, issued from January 2021 onwards

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

The German language skills at level B2 (CEFR) must be supported by one of the items of proof listed below. The certificates mentioned under Item 3 must not be older than two years at the time of the application for admission.

- (1) 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 at level B2 as part of a preparatory course programme at an Austrian university. 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 taking supplementary examinations at the University of Klagenfurt.
- (3) Certificates:
  - a. Österreichisches Sprachdiplom - ÖSD Zertifikat B2 (Austrian Language Diploma - ÖSD certificate B2)
  - 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 (Test DaF) (German as a Foreign Language test), at least two of the 4 parts must be completed at TDN 4 level, a maximum of two parts may be completed at TDN 3 level
  - g. Course certificate at level B2 from a language centre at an Austrian university
  - h. Österreichischer Integrationsfonds - ÖIF-Prüfung B2 (Austrian Integration Fund - ÖIF Examination B2)
  - i. ECL examination in German as a Foreign Language, level B2, issued from January 2021 onwards

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

The German language skills at level C1 (CEFR) must be supported by one of the items of proof listed below. The certificates mentioned under Item 3 must not be older than two years at the time of the application for admission.

- (1) 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. 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 taking supplementary examinations at the University of Klagenfurt.
- (3) Certificates:
  - a. Österreichisches Sprachdiplom- ÖSD Zertifikat C1 (Austrian Language Diploma - ÖSD certificate C1)
  - 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 two of the 4 parts must be completed at TDN 5 level, a maximum of two parts may be completed at TDN 4 level
  - g. Course certificate at level C1 from a language centre at an Austrian university
  - h. ECL examination in German as a Foreign Language, level C1, issued from January 2021 onwards

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

The English language skills at level B2 (CEFR) must be supported by one of the items of proof listed below. The certificates mentioned under Item 2 must not be older than two years at the time of the application for admission.

- (1) Qualifications:
  - a. Successful completion of the subject English as part of the Austrian school leaving examination (provided in the form of an Austrian certificate of the final school year)
  - b. Successful completion of the subject English as part of a school leaving examination (to be evidenced by providing an Austrian school leaving certificate or a school leaving certificate issued in an EU member state demonstrating level B2 (CEFR))
  - c. Austrian certificate testifying the right to study, including a pass in English 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) Certificates:
  - a. TOEFL iBT (minimum score: 80)
  - b. IELTS (minimum overall band score: 6 & at least 5.5 for each individual assessment area)
  - c. Cambridge English: First Certificate in English (FCE) or B2 First (minimum scale score: 169) or higher

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

The English language skills at level C1 (CEFR) must be supported by one of the items of proof listed below. The certificates mentioned under Item 2 must not be older than two years at the time of the application for admission.

- (1) Completion of a study programme conducted in English and lasting at least two years at a recognised post-secondary educational institution
- (2) Certificates:
  - a. TOEFL iBT (minimum score: 100)
  - b. IELTS (minimum overall band score: 7)
  - c. Cambridge English: Advanced English (CAE) or C1 Advanced (minimum scale score: 185, minimum admissible grade: B) or higher

### **§ 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 language, and their thesis can be written in this language and also supervised and assessed by the academic staff at the University of Klagenfurt in this language. Passing any examinations stipulated in the curriculum and meeting 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 'Regulation issued by the Rectorate concerning proof of required language proficiency for admission to study programmes' issued by the Rectorate, as published on 19/10/2022 in university bulletin issue 2 No. 10.1 will cease to apply.