Overview

Levels of proficiency of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

A1	Can understand and form basic sentences, express needs of a concrete type, ask and answer questions about personal details.
A2	Can communicate in simple and routine situations and exchange information on familiar matters.
B1	Can produce simple connected text on familiar interest areas and give reasons and explanations for dreams, hopes, plans and opinions.
B2	Can understand complex texts on abstract topics and follow discussions in his or her field of specialisation; can express himself or herself fluently and spontaneously and give the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
C1	Can recognise implicit meaning and express himself or herself fluently and spontaneously; can comment on complex subjects, using organisational patterns and cohesive devices.
C2	Can understand virtually everything with ease, express himself or herself very fluently and spontaneously and differentiates finer shades of meaning even when commenting on more complex issues.

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Certificates

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DSD – I

- corresponds to Level B1 of the CEFR
- provides proof of German language proficiency required for admission to preparatory courses at many “Studienkollegien” in Germany
- provides advantages when applying to study in Germany

DSD – II

- corresponds to Levels B2 and C1 of the CEFR
- provides proof of German language proficiency required for admission to institutions of higher education in Germany

Examination

Examination Parts

- Reading comprehension
- Listening comprehension
- Written communication
- Oral communication

Types of Questions and Assignments

- Multiple choice
- Matching
- Cloze
- True-false
- Written text production
- Presentation
- Dialogue

Where to Take the DSD Examination

- DSD examinations can be taken at accredited DSD schools abroad

Assessment

- The written components of the DSD examinations are assessed in Germany

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Quality

- Aligned with school-leaving certificates in Germany
- Correlated with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- Quality assurance guaranteed through scientific monitoring and evaluation of assessment methodology

Success

- DSD examinations are taken in more than 65 countries
- by approximately 85,000 students per year

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