

Dear interested applicants,

Of course we hope that all of you pass the DSH-exam. Unfortunately though, many of you register too early for the DSH, too early meaning that your German skills are not proficient enough - yet. As a result, you may not pass the DSH at every attempt with the level of DSH-2 but only with the level of DSH-1 - or perhaps you do not pass at all. This would not only be frustrating for you but also often difficult on the administrative level.

Therefore, please make sure that your German skills are already sufficient enough **before** the registration.

In order to assess your skills, you can check your German skills by taking the test "Fit for the TestDaF?" online which only takes about ten minutes. There, you can do the cloze on the homepage http://www.testdaf.de/teilnehmer/tnvorbereitung_test.php?id=1 and get an immediate feedback whether you should take the DSH or not.

Another possibility is that you assess your proficiency yourself, for example by using the grid of the European language competence levels. You can find a grid under the following link: <https://www.europass-info.de/fileadmin/pdf/raster-zur-selbstbeurteilung.pdf>

The results of the DSH can be compared with the competence levels like this:

C2	DSH-3
C1	DSH-2
B2	DSH-1
B1, A2, A1	Failed

Your self-assessment should result in at least three times the level of C1 (C1 in listening or reading comprehension, C1 in spoken interaction or spoken production as well as C1 in text production), so you would have a realistic chance to achieve the result of DSH-2.

If your self-assessment shows that your proficiency is mostly on the level of B2 and B1 you hardly have a realistic chance to achieve DSH-2.

Please bear in mind that the gap between B2 and C1 is quite considerable. In the reading comprehension, for example, you will be asked to understand long, difficult, specialized or science texts, even if they do not belong to your field of study.

We wish you good luck for the DSH!