

Information Sheet for applicants to Ph.D. Programmes Proof of English Language Skills

To study in an English language Ph.D. programme at BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg, among other things you will need good English language skills. You won't be enrolled in the programme unless you submit an officially certified document proving your language competence. You can find information about possible exemptions from this rule on the second page "Exemptions of an English proficiency **certificate**".

The following language certificates are accepted as the required proof of English language proficiency for studies in international Ph.D. programmes:

Ph.D. Programmes	TOEFL paper-based	TOEFL ibt	IELTS	Cambridge Certificate		UniCert
				Advanced English	Proficiency in English	
Environmental and Resource Management (Ph.D.)	550	79	6.5	B	C	Stufe II
Heritage Studies (Ph.D.)	550	79	6.5	B	C	Stufe II
Dependable Systems (Ph.D.)	550	79	6.0	B	C	Stufe II

A certificate proving language skills must be submitted either as an original document (TOEFL/ IELTS – the official score report has to be sent to BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg directly by the TOEFL/ IELTS institute) or as a certified copy (Cambridge Certificate/UniCert).

Certificates are also accepted from the following institutions (more information on the certification of **documents you will find in the document "Certified copies"**):

- abroad: diplomatic representatives of Germany, government agencies authorised to certify and notary publics
- in Germany: notary publics, justices of the law, city administration

Possible Exemptions of an English proficiency certificate for applicants to Ph.D. Programmes

Ph.D. Programme applicants with a higher education entrance qualification or who completed a secondary level degree (e.g. Bachelor or Master) in English from a country where English is an official language (see the list below), or Ph.D. applicants who completed a secondary level degree in English in Germany **may be exempt** from presenting a formal English language certificate.

List of countries where English is an official language*:

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| <p>A Antigua and Barbuda
Anguilla
Australia</p> | <p>M Malawi
Malta
Mauritius
Montserrat</p> |
| <p>B Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bermuda
British Virgin Islands</p> | <p>N Namibia
New Zealand
Nigeria</p> |
| <p>C Cameroon
Canada
Cayman Islands</p> | <p>Philippines</p> <p>P Puerto Rico</p> |
| <p>E Eritrea</p> | <p>S Saint Kitts and Nevis
Sierra Leone
Singapore
South Africa
South Sudan</p> |
| <p>F Falkland Islands</p> | <p>T Trinidad and Tobago
Turks and Caicos Islands</p> |
| <p>G Gambia
Ghana
Gibraltar
Grenada
Guyana
Guernsey</p> | <p>U Uganda
United Kingdom
United States of America</p> |
| <p>H Hong Kong</p> | <p>Z Zambia
Zimbabwe</p> |
| <p>I India
Ireland
Isle of Man</p> | |
| <p>J Jamaica
Jersey</p> | |
| <p>K Kenya</p> | |
| <p>L Lesotho
Liberia</p> | |

*Quelle: uni-assist (Liste der "Länder mit Englisch als Amtssprache", Stand 03/2019)

*Source: uni-assist (list of „Countries with English as an official language“, Latest Update 03/2019)