

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 Academic	Cambridge Certificate		UniCert
				Advanced English	Proficiency in English	
Environmental and Resource Management	550	79	6.5	B	C	Stufe II
Heritage Studies	550	79	6.5	B	C	Stufe II
Dependable Systems	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

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Possible Exemptions of an English proficiency certificate

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*:

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

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