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TestDaF-Information

What is the TestDaF?

The TestDaF is a language test for foreign learners of German language who plan to study in Germany or

who require recognised certification of their language skills.

The TestDaF examination is developed and evaluated by the TestDaF Institute. The test can be taken at licensed Test Centres in about 80 different countries. All examination candidates receive the same tasks and the examinations are graded by trained examiners. The examination results are assigned to one of three levels:

- TestDaF-Niveaustufe 5 (TDN 5 TestDaF level 5)
- TestDaF-Niveaustufe 4 (TDN 4 TestDaF level 4)
- TestDaF-Niveaustufe 3 (TDN 3 TestDaF level 3)

These are equivalent to levels B2.1 to C1.2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

How can I prepare for the TestDaF examination?

You can prepare for the examination in a number of different ways: on your own, with online support, in language courses, or with an eTandem partner.

Where and when can I take the TestDaF?

You can take the TestDaF at a licensed Test Centre in your home country or at one of over 150 Test Centres in Germany. Examinations are held several times a year. You can find the exact dates on the TestDaF website. Alternatively, contact your nearest Test Centre.

How much does it cost?

An examination fee is due when registering for the TestDaF. Please enquire at your nearest Test Centre as the fee differs from country to country.

How and when do I get my result?

Your Test Centre will send you a certificate with your results six to eight weeks after the examination. You can then apply for a place at a German university, provided that you have gathered all the other documents required. On the reverse of the certificate, you will find a description of the criteria for each subtest, giving you a detailed assessment of your language skills.

Useful Links

General Information about TestDaF learning German and preparing for the TestDaF online-test for measuring knowledge of the German language about language examinations and certificates test for individual study-ability http://www.testdaf.de www.deutsch-uni.com www.ondaf.de www.sprachnachweis.de http://www.testas.de