

Goethe B1 – Zertifikat Deutsch (ZD) – Intermediate Level

The Goethe-Zertifikats B1: Zertifikat Deutsch (ZD) proves that you have a sound basic knowledge of everyday German and that you have the language skills required for dealing with all kinds of different situations encountered every day. It is also the language qualification required for acquiring German citizenship. An age of 16 years or over is recommended for Zertifikat Deutsch. In order to achieve this level of competence, you will need 350 to 650 45-minute teaching units, depending on your previous knowledge and learning requirements.

After passing the examination, you will be able to do the following, for example:

- Understand the details of important information conveyed in conversations, public announcements and radio reports
- Fully understand important information provided in newspaper articles, statistics and everyday descriptions
- Write logical private or semi-formal messages, such as letters or e-mails
- Hold a simple conversation on a topic of personal interest, briefly give your views on it and respond appropriately to your conversation partner's opinion, report on something, make a suggestion or agree on something in everyday situations.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Format
Written Examination (Held in groups)	150 minutes	*You will read classified advertisements and a longer report or factual text and then do realistic exercises on them. *You will fill in the gaps in a letter by selecting the right word from a number of possibilities offered. *You will listen to brief conversations, announcements and a longer interview and then do the exercises on them. *You will write a personal or formal letter, at the same time completing various exercises.
Oral Expression (Held individually or in pairs)	Approximately 15 minutes	You will introduce yourself; pass on the information contained in a diagram, picture or text and talk to your conversation partner about an everyday topic. During the dialogue, you will respond to questions, express your opinion and make suggestions.
Assessment	The Goethe-Zertifikat B1: Zertifikat Deutsch is conducted and assessed the same way all over the world. Two examiners at the examination center who apply uniform criteria evaluate each candidate's written papers and oral performance separately.	

Goethe Certificate B2 – Upper Intermediate Level

The Goethe-Zertifikat B2 requires advanced language skills. An age of 16 years or over is recommended. In order to achieve this level of competence, you will need 600 to 800 45-minute teaching units, depending on your previous knowledge and learning requirements.

After passing the examination, you will be able to do the following, for example:

- Follow the main content of specific and abstract topics and obtain relevant information from them (i.e. radio broadcasts)
- Understand a wide range of texts, both shorter simple texts (such as advertisements) and longer, more complex factual texts, commentaries and reports
- Express yourself clearly and in a structured way in writing on the subject of complex matters and also correct mistakes in texts written by other people
- Give clearly structured oral comments on general subjects and topics of particular interest to you
- Take an active part in discussions on subjects you know about, taking up a position and presenting your own point of view.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Format
Written Examination (Held in groups)	190 minutes	<p>*You will read a number of different texts from modern media, such as advertisements, catalogue entries, reference book texts, commentaries, reviews and reports and do various exercises on them. You will fill in the missing words in a written text.</p> <p>*You will listen to discussions and telephone conversations, then you add to what you have heard and categorize statements. In addition, you will also listen to an interview on a current social topic and do exercises on it.</p> <p>*You will comment in writing on a newspaper article and correct a letter.</p>
Oral Expression (Held individually or in pairs)	Approximately 10-15 minutes	You will introduce yourself to your conversation partners (including native speakers), take a position on a current topic and enter into oral negotiations with a fellow examination candidate
Assessment	The Goethe-Zertifikat B2 is conducted and assessed the same way all over the world. Each candidate's written papers and oral performance are evaluated separately by two examiners at the examination center in question who apply uniform criteria.	

Goethe Certificate C1 – (formerly ZMP Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung) – Advanced Level 1

The Goethe-Zertifikat C1 calls for very advanced language skills. Certificates issued by the Goethe-Institut are recognized throughout the world. At many German universities and further-education institutions, foreign applicants with a Goethe-Zertifikat C1 are exempted from the language entrance test. An age of 16 years or over is recommended. In order to achieve this level of competence you will need 800 to 1,000 45-minute teaching units, depending on your previous knowledge and learning requirements.

After passing the examination, you will be able to do the following, for example:

- Easily understand relatively long radio talks and radio programs
- Understand a wide range of written texts, including longer, more complex factual texts, commentaries and reports
- Express yourself clearly and logically in essays on complex issues, choosing the right kind of expression to appeal to the reader
- Verbally express yourself spontaneously and fluently, state your own opinions, formulate your thoughts and views precisely and make detailed contributions of your own.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Format
Written Examination (Held in groups)	190 minutes	<p>*You will read factual texts from books as well as commentaries, reviews and/or reports. In the associated exercises, you will show that you can cope with larger amounts of text, e.g. by reproducing excerpts.</p> <p>*You will listen to dialogues, telephone conversations, interviews or radio reports, make notes on them and categorize statements.</p> <p>*You express yourself in a well-structured text on a topic. You will receive information on this in the form of a diagram.</p>
Oral Expression (Held individually or in pairs)	Approximately 10-15 minutes	In the first part of the examination, you will comment briefly on a short text. In a dialogue with your conversation partner, you will then try to find a solution in a project.
Assessment	The Goethe-Zertifikat C1 is conducted and assessed the same way all over the world. Each candidate's written papers and oral performance are evaluated separately by two examiners at the examination center in question who apply uniform criteria.	

Goethe Certificate C2 (formerly ZOP Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung) – Advanced Level 2

The Goethe-Zertifikat C2: Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung (ZOP) and the Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom (KDS) both call for very highly advanced linguistic skills. This certificate enables foreign students to apply to German universities. To take the exam, it is recommended that you are 16 years of age or over. In order to achieve this level of competence, you will need 1,000 to 1,200 45-minute teaching units, depending on your previous knowledge and learning requirements.

After passing the examination, as for the KDS, you will be able to do the following, for example:

- Easily understand everything you read and hear in German
- Summarize information from various written and spoken sources, logically recounting the reasons and explanations
- Spontaneously express yourself with great fluency and accuracy and formulate the right nuances in meaning even when dealing with complex topics
- Analyze literary texts and answer demanding questions about them.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Format
Written Examination (Held in groups)	190 minutes	<p>*In the comprehension section, you will answer questions on a literary text or from a newspaper and reword some individual extracts.</p> <p>*In the articulacy test, you will deal with linguistic and grammatical variations in a text.</p> <p>*In the test on listening skills, you will answer questions on an interview or dialogue.</p> <p>*In the composition section, you will discuss a topic of your choice, dealing with either real life in Germany or a topic from literature that you have prepared based on the book list. book list 2009 book list 2010</p>
Oral Expression (Held individually)	Approximately 20 minutes	You will be given 15 minutes to prepare a text, which you will then read out loud with appropriate rhythm and intonation. You will summarize the text and express yourself on the basis of an exercise on the topic of the text. You will have a subsequent conversation and discuss it with both examiners.
Assessment	The Goethe-Zertifikat C2: Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung is conducted and assessed the same way all over the world. Each candidate's written papers and oral performance are evaluated separately by two examiners at the examination center in question who apply uniform criteria.	

TestDaF

This exam authorizes students to study at a German university. It mainly applies to those who are studying and those interested in studying, but it is also internationally recognized proof of German for scientific projects and academic professions. Knowledge of German should at least be equivalent to competence level B2/C1. To take the test it is recommended that candidates are aged 16 or over. Before registering for the examination, candidates should already have completed 700 to 1,000 45-minute teaching units in German.

By successfully completing your TestDaF, you prove that you can:

- find important items of information in short texts of different types
- understand details and complete statements in journalistic and scientific texts that relate to scientific or socio-political issues
- obtain detailed information in everyday situations
- follow interviews or dialogues on study-related or general scientific topics
- understand presentations on scientific topics
- draft your own well-structured and understandable text and present arguments
- describe, summarize and compare data
- adopt a justified position in discussions and conversations, weigh up alternatives and also make hypotheses.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Format
Reading Comprehension	60 minutes	<p>*You will read some short texts about everyday university life, such as a section from a university prospectus, an overview of forthcoming events or a brochure, and decide which text relates to which task.</p> <p>*You will read a journalistic text (approx. 450-550 words) on scientific or socio-political topics and mark the correct multiple-choice answers.</p> <p>*You will deal with a text in scientific language (approx. 550-650 words) from a specialist or university publication and decide whether a statement is correct or incorrect or whether the text does not give any information on this.</p>
Listening Comprehension	40 minutes	<p>*You will hear a short, everyday dialogue, e.g. a conversation between two students, and make notes on the questions at the same time.</p> <p>*You will follow an interview or a discussion on course-related or general scientific topics and will decide at the same time whether statements about the text you have just heard are true or false.</p> <p>*You will hear a presentation and provide short answers about central questions in it.</p>
Written Examination	60 minutes	<p>*You will be given a topic and use guide points and statistical data to draft a logical and structured text.</p> <p>*You will take a position on a topic and argue accordingly.</p>
Oral Expression (Individual computer-aided examination)	Approximately 35 minutes	<p>*You will deal with seven tasks that put you in different communicative situations at German universities.</p> <p>*You have to obtain information, describe graphics and summarize their content. You will be expected to express and justify your opinion, take a position, weigh up the alternatives and also make your own hypotheses.</p>

Assessment

The TestDaF is a standardized, centrally created and centrally corrected examination. The results are expressed in three levels: 3, 4 and 5, which describe what skills you are expected to possess with regard to reading, writing, listening and speaking. You receive one point for each correctly completed task in the reading comprehension examination and in the listening comprehension module (e.g. multiple choice or true/false). The number of correctly solved tasks in each module is decisive for classification to a level in one of the two examination components. Trained and experienced specialists assess the two examination components of written and oral expression. The evaluation and level classification takes place on the basis of a criteria grid found on the TestDaf website.

You can take the examination as often as you like.