

## Overview

### Levels of proficiency of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL)

<b>A1</b>	Can understand and form basic sentences, express needs of a concrete type, ask and answer questions about personal details.
<b>A2</b>	Can communicate in simple and routine situations and exchange information on familiar matters.
<b>B1</b>	Can produce simple connected text on familiar interest areas and give reasons and explanations for dreams, hopes, plans and opinions.
<b>B2</b>	Can understand complex texts on abstract topics and follow discussions in his or her field of specialisation; can express himself or herself fluently and spontaneously and give the advantages and dis-advantages of various options.
<b>C1</b>	Can recognise implicit meaning and express himself or herself fluently and spontaneously; can comment on complex subject, using organisational patterns and cohesive devices.
<b>C2</b>	Can understand virtually everything with ease, express himself or herself very fluently and spontaneously and differentiates finer shades of meaning even when commenting on more complex issues.

## Contact

The DSD (Deutsches Sprachdiplom/German Language Certificate) is a joint undertaking of the German Federal Government and the federal states (Länder).

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## Certificates



### DSD – A2

- corresponds to Level A2 of the CEFRL
- provides proof of German language proficiency at the A2 level
- provides career advantages when applying for jobs

### DSD – I

- corresponds to Level B1 of the CEFRL
- provides proof of German language proficiency required for admission to preparatory courses at so-called “Studienkollegs” in Germany
- provides advantages when applying to study in Germany

### DSD – II

- corresponds to Levels B2 and C1 of the CEFRL
- provides proof of German language proficiency required for admission to many institutions of higher education such as universities in Germany

## Examination

### Examination Parts

- Reading comprehension
- Listening comprehension
- Written communication
- Oral communication

### Types of Questions and Assignments

- Multiple choice
- Matching
- Cloze
- True-false
- Written text production
- Presentation
- Dialogue

### Where to Take the DSD Examination

- DSD examinations can be taken at accredited DSD schools abroad

### Assessment

- The written components of the DSD examinations are assessed in Germany



## Quality

- Aligned with school-leaving examinations in Germany
- Correlated with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL)
- Quality assurance guaranteed through scientific monitoring and evaluation of assessment methodology



## Success

- DSD examinations are taken in more than 65 countries
- at over 900 schools
- by approximately 51,000 persons per year