



Preparing for successful studies in Germany – Information about TestDaF, DUO and onDaF

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You need a certificate of your German language proficiency for getting admitted at a German University?

TestDaF

TestDaF – Aim and concept

The TestDaF (Test of German as a foreign language)

- is a standardised *proficiency test*
- measures language skills on an advanced level (B2/C1 of CEFR)
- contains topics and contents related to studies
- tests abilities that are highly relevant for studying

→ Certificate of sufficient language skills for studying at a German university

TestDaF – Aim and concept

The TestDaF

- measures four abilities separately:
 - Reading comprehension
 - Listening comprehension
 - Writing
 - Speaking
- Divides between three different proficiency levels:
„**TestDaF-Niveaustufen**“: TDN3, TDN 4, TDN 5

Different levels

Council of Europe : Common European Framework of Reference for Languages					
A Basic User		B Independent User		C Proficient User	
A1 Break-through	A2 Way-stage	B1 Threshold	B2 Vantage	C1 Effective Proficiency	C2 Mastery
TestDaF			TDN 3	TDN 4	TDN 5
			Admission conditional	Admission guaranteed	

Aim and concept

Test performances in the different subtests are stated separately on the certificate

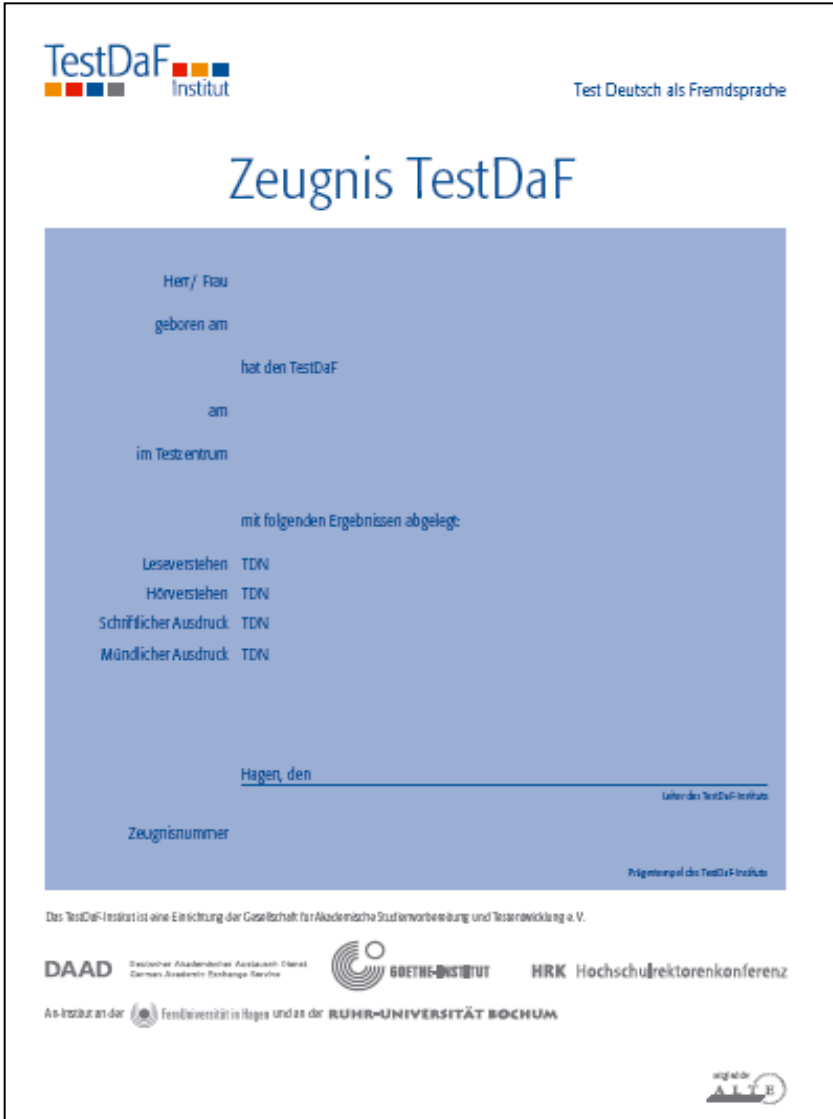
Detailed description of skills in all subtests.

According to the requirements of the universities, a differentiated admission is possible

Unlimited validity of the TestDaF certificate.

Accepted by all German universities.

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The image shows a sample TestDaF certificate form. At the top left is the TestDaF Institut logo, and at the top right is the text 'Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache'. The main title is 'Zeugnis TestDaF'. The form contains fields for: 'Herr/ Frau', 'geboren am', 'hat den TestDaF', 'am', 'im Testzentrum', 'mit folgenden Ergebnissen abgelegt:', 'Leseverstehen TDN', 'Hörverstehen TDN', 'Schriftlicher Ausdruck TDN', 'Mündlicher Ausdruck TDN', 'Hagen, den', 'Leiter des TestDaF-Instituts', 'Zeugnisnummer', and 'Prüfungsort des TestDaF-Instituts'. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: 'Das TestDaF-Institut ist eine Einrichtung der Gesellschaft für Akademische Studienvorbereitung und Testentwicklung e.V.' followed by logos for DAAD, Goethe-Institut, HRK, and Ruhr-Universität Bochum. A small logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

TestDaF
Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache

Test administration



Leseverstehen

3 Lesetexte mit insgesamt 30 Items
Dauer: 60 Min.



Hörverstehen

3 Hörtexte mit insgesamt 25 Items
Dauer: 40 Min.

Pause



Schriftlicher Ausdruck



1 Aufgabe zur Textproduktion
Dauer: 60 Min.





Mündlicher Ausdruck

7 Aufgaben zum Sprechen
Dauer: 30 Min.

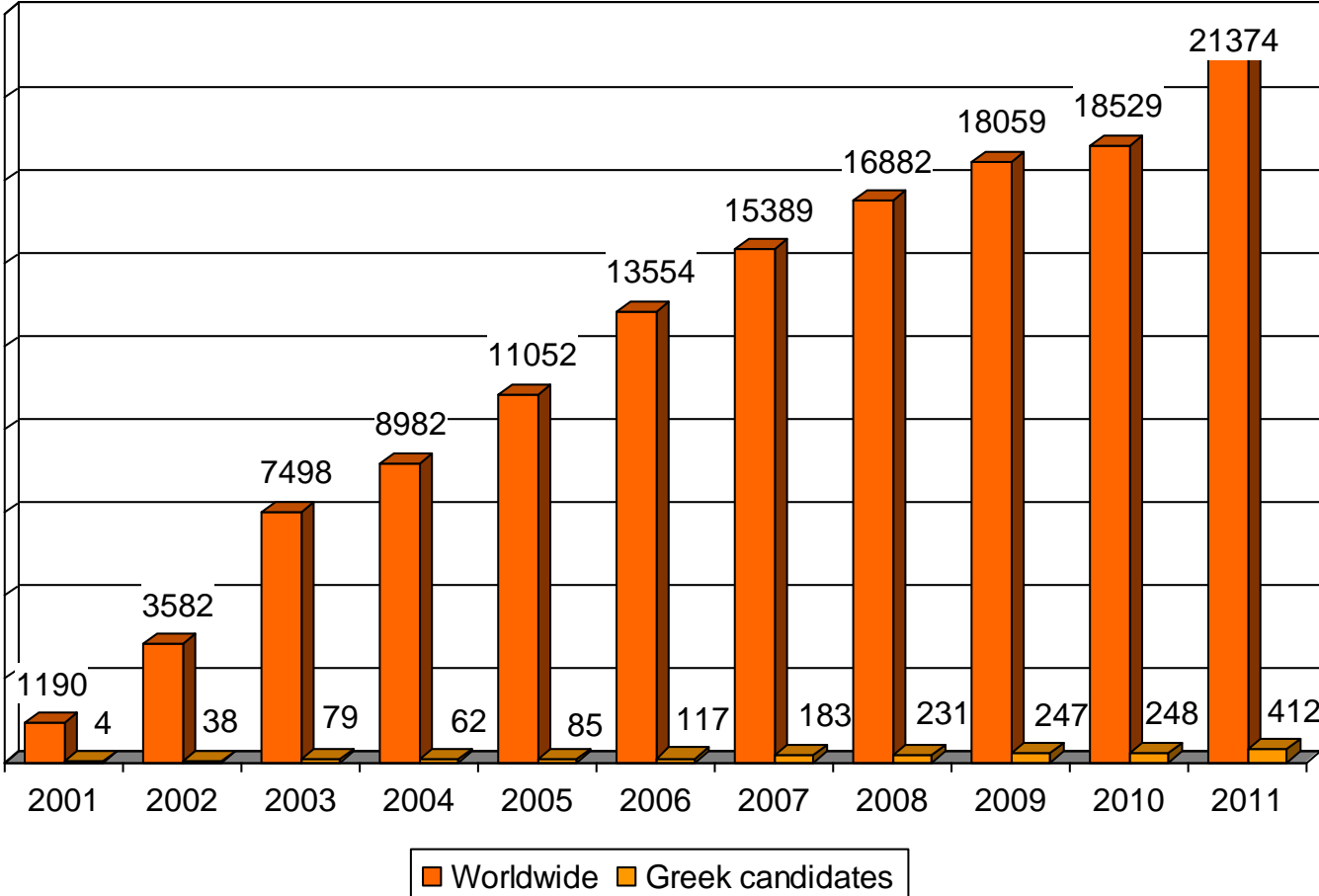
Requirements

Subtest	Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Understanding contexts and single information▪ Handle complex information, e.g. implicit meanings and point of views.
	

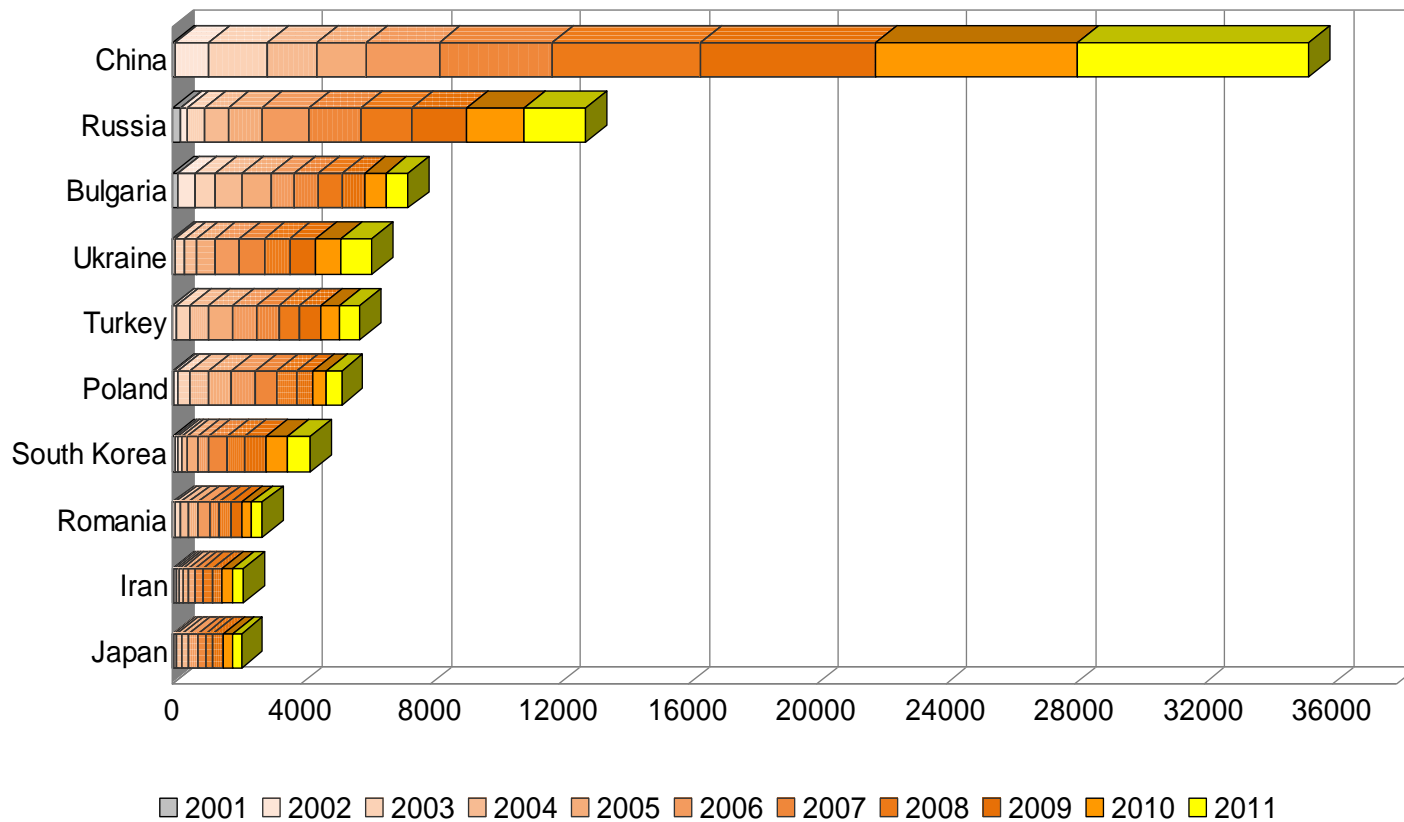
Requirements

Subtest	Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Describing of statistical data▪ Developing an argumentation: Commenting on controversial questions, justifying different point of views, balancing pros and cons.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reacting in adequate language in situations of every day study-life with different conversational partners▪ Describing of statistical data▪ Developing an argumentation: Commenting, justifying and balancing facts.

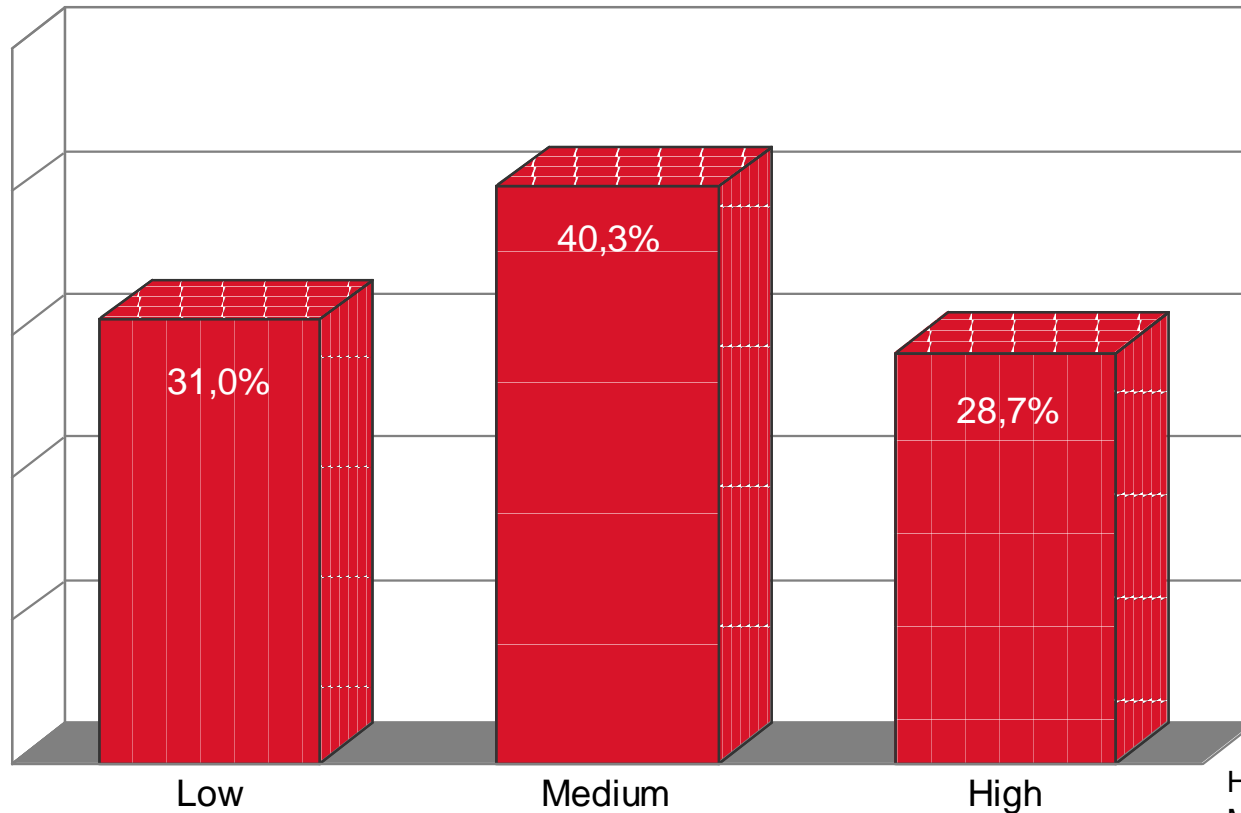
Development of TestDaF attendance



Country of origin of TestDaF candidates

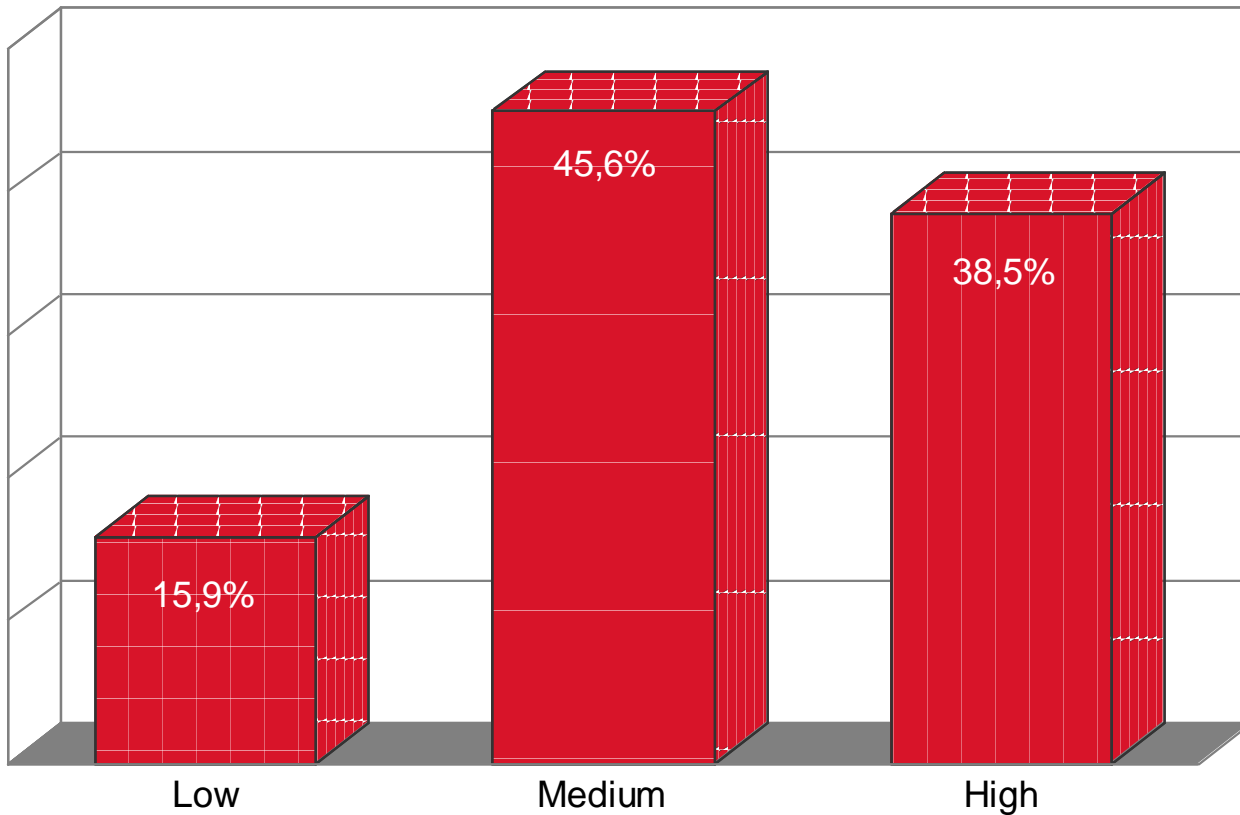


Test results worldwide



High: result in all subtests at least TDN4
Medium: result in all subtests at least TDN3
Low: result in at least one subtest below TDN3
Data's based on all tests since 2001.

Test results of Greek candidates



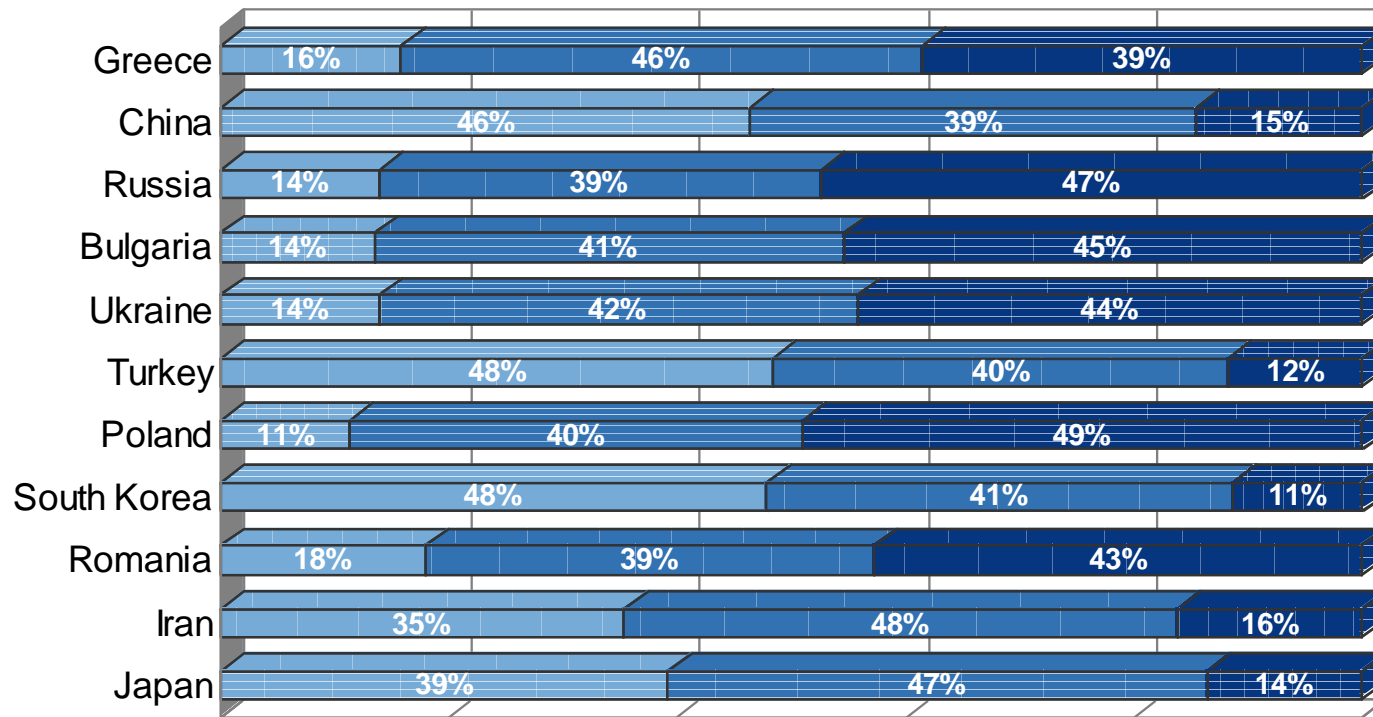
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Test results



■ Low
 ■ Medium
 ■ High

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TestDaF in Greece

- 6 annual examination dates
- 3 test centres in Greece
 - Athens, DAAD Information Centre
 - Chania, Goethe Centre
 - Thessaloniki, Goethe Institute

Examination dates 2012

Dates 2012:

- February 9, 2012
- April 26, 2012
- June 14, 2012
- July 18, 2012
- September 20, 2012
- November 13, 2012

Registration period:

2011/11/15 – 2012/01/12

2012/02/23 – 2012/03/29

2012/04/19 – 2012/05/17

2012/05/23 – 2012/06/20

2012/07/26 – 2012/08/23

2012/09/18 – 2012/10/16

Preparation for the TestDaF

- www.testdaf.de : Numerous advices for preparation material in German, free Download of sample questions.
- Online: www.deutsch-uni.com/testdaftraining

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You intend to prepare online for studies in German language, improve your German language skills or prepare yourself for the TestDaF with the aid of original TestDaF exercises?

DUO (Deutsch-Uni Online)

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DUO compact

- www.deutsch-uni.com: web based platform to learn German language (and important foreign languages).
- More than 20 modules allow individual choice of courses according to the state of knowledge, the learning target and the linguistic field of application – from basic level lessons to linguistic preparation for studies up to specific foreign language training (A1 to C1).
- Current and multimedia-based contents, all language skills are trained
- Individual combination of modules, services and way of support.

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You want to know about the level of your German language skills?

You want to know which language course is the right one for you?

You want to apply for getting a scholarship for studies at a German university from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)?

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online-Einstufungstest
Deutsch als Fremdsprache

onDaF-format

Uni-Café

Ganz in der Nähe der Universität gibt es ein gern besuchtes Café. Hier tref sich
d Studierenden zwis den Vorle , sitzen b Tee
Kaf und Bröt , lesen Zei unterhalten si , bereiten
Semi vor. Man sitzen all , um z lesen, and
sitzen zusa , um si zu unter und u zu disku .

Jeden T ist das Café geöffnet, auch spät am Abend kann man dort noch etwas trinken
oder essen.

TEXT FERTIG BEARBEITET

Text 1 von 8

Hier klicken, wenn Sie Umlaute oder "ß" brauchen:

Internet-based
placement test

C-test

8 texts, each
with 20 gaps

5 minutes per
text

Evaluation
analogous to
the CEFR
(A2-C1)

onDaF compact

Characteristics of the onDaF

- Available at licensed test centres, worldwide at any time
- Automatical evaluation, immediate display of the result
- Issue of a certificate (onDaF-certificate in PDF format)
- Possibility to get to know the test format with a sample test on www.ondaf.de

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Exercises (www.ondaf.de → „Beispieltest“);
simulation with four texts

- Identical format
- Identical instructions → ideal for onDaF-preparation
- No registration necessary
- Immediate display of results (score, no evaluation)

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In Greece, the onDaF can be taken at the following test centres:

- Athens, DAAD Information Centre (only for scholarship purposes)
- Chania, Goethe Centre
- Thessaloniki, Goethe Institute

www.ondaf.de