

Allocation regulations for degree programmes with local admission restrictions

Selection according to qualifications

Study places are awarded according to the best average grade of the university entrance qualification. There is therefore no NC. The minimum grades with which you can still secure a university place vary from year to year.

Within this quota, there is a special quota for applicants who have earned their university entrance qualification at a technical or vocational college.

Selection according to waiting time

When selecting by waiting time, the rank of the application is determined by the number of half-years which have elapsed since the acquisition of the university entrance qualification. Periods of study at a higher education institution in the Federal Republic of Germany are not included in the waiting period.

Until the quota is abolished as of 01.10.2023, a transitional bonus system will be applied from 01.10.2020. A bonus of 0.1 will be credited to the average grade of the entrance qualification for each half-year of waiting, up to a maximum of 1.0.

Special case groups - advance quotas

Second degrees

A second-degree programme is available if you have already successfully completed a degree at a German university or will complete it by the application deadline and wish to apply for a further degree programme.

Applicants can only be admitted within a certain quota.

Selection procedure

The selection of second-degree candidates is based on the following criteria:

- Examination results of the first degree and
- Reasons for the second degree

Points are awarded for both criteria and a score is calculated. This determines the classification on the ranking list.

Supporting Evidence for the application

As part of the online application, the following supporting documents should be submitted in addition to the documents generally required:

- Graduation certificates from the first degree (all pages) including the average grade with which you completed the first degree.

- An informal, detailed, written justification of your wish to pursue a second degree. This should contain information about previous training and professional activity as well as your desired professional goal. In addition, any other determining factors relevant to your second degree should be included (e.g., professional/ scholarly or scientific reasons)

Exceptional hardship

To compensate for special hardships and disadvantages, applicants with an impairment can submit a hardship application or an application for compensation for disadvantages to improve their average grade or the waiting time.

Hardship application

A case of exceptional hardship exists, if there are special personal, health, social or family circumstances that necessitate immediate admission to study.

The rejection of an application for admission would have to entail disadvantages for the applicants which, if stringent criteria were to be applied, are considerably beyond the level of disadvantage usually associated with a rejection.

For example: a condition likely to progress, requiring immediate commencement of studies.

Improvement of grades or waiting time

The aim of this application is to improve the average grade or the waiting time in order to compensate for performance impairment when acquiring the university entrance qualification.

For example: prolonged absence from classes due to illness during the three years preceding the acquisition of the university entrance qualification.

Documents to be submitted

The application and the supporting documents (e.g., specialist medical report, a personal application statement, school report) must be submitted in full and by the deadline as part of the online application.

For further information and requirements, please refer to the information sheets of the Foundation for University Admissions, which can be found in the [Download Section](#).

Quota for foreign nationals

The 'foreigner' quota is reserved for international or stateless foreign students who are not citizens of a member state of the European Union and who did not gain their university entrance qualification in the Federal Republic of Germany or at a German school abroad. EU nationals are treated the same as German nationals in terms of admission law.

Quota for professionally qualified applicants

This is for applicants who wish to embark on a degree programme that is designed to enable them to complete their vocational training in parallel to their academic studies (combined studies).