

Levels according to the Common European Framework of the European Council

Levels	Level description	Exam
<u>Level A1</u> Breakthrough level 10 weeks Themen 1	Basic User / No or very little knowledge of German: Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions, can interact in a simple way	Start deutsch 1 / A1
<u>Level A2</u> Waystage level 10 weeks Themen 2	Basic User / Basic knowledge of German: can communicate in simple tasks requiring a direct exchange of information; can describe in simple terms immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need	Start deutsch 2 / A2
<u>Level B1</u> Threshold level 10 weeks Themen 3 oder Em- Brückenkurs	Independent user / Relatively good knowledge of German: Can understand the main points of standard input on familiar matters; can deal with most situations and produce simple texts on familiar topics	Zertifikat Deutsch (ZD) B1
<u>Level B2</u> Vantage level Em-Brückenkurs Em-Hauptkurs	Independent user / Good knowledge of German: Can understand main ideas of complex texts, can interact with native speakers without strain for either party; can produce clear detailed text on a wide range of subjects	Zertifikat Deutsch für den Beruf (ZdfB) Goethe Zertifikat B2
<u>Level C1</u> Effectiveness level 10 weeks Em-Abschluss-Kurs	Proficient user / Very good knowledge of German: Can understand a wide range of demanding texts, can express yourself fluently without much obvious problems; use language effectively for social, academic and professional purposes	German for Language proficiency exam at Universities (DSH) TestDAF Goethe zertifikat C1
<u>Level C2</u> Mastery level 10 weeks DSH-Course	Proficient user / Excellent or nearly native speaker knowledge of German: You can understand everything heard or read, can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, express yourself spontaneously and fluently	Kleines Dt. Sprachdiplom (KDS) Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung ZOP