

Notes on the specialist medical certificate for applying for compensation for disadvantages in studies and exams



To apply for compensation for disadvantages in studies and exams, a medical certificate from a specialist is mandatory:

- **It should not be older than six months;** in the case of illnesses that are/remain constant, it can be up to one year old in exceptional cases.
- It must be legible for medical non-experts and contain comprehensible and accurate specialist statements.
- **Depending on the impairment, a general practitioner's certificate is generally not sufficient.** → No expert opinion is required. It is best to contact a doctor where you have already been receiving treatment for some time.
- **It can be drawn up by medical specialists and psychological psychotherapists.** (In addition to their licence to practise, psychological psychotherapists also require specialist psychological training).

1. Recommended information

- Header sheet, doctor's stamp, name of the doctor, date, signature
- Patient's name and address
- How long has the disability/chronic illness been present?
- Is the disability/chronic illness or health restriction likely to continue or is a change in the clinical picture and state of health to be expected?
- To what extent and what consequences do the health restrictions have for your ability to study or take exams? The frequency (hours/days/weeks) of your inability to take exams or study must be mentioned.
- What specific illness-related restrictions relevant to your studies and examinations result from your disability/illness? How do they present themselves? The limitations must be clearly stated, e.g. pain, writing disability, concentration problems, etc.

2. Optional information

- Can a statement be made as to which compensation for disadvantages (e.g. modification of compulsory attendance, extension of writing time/breaks, etc.) may be appropriate from a medical point of view? This is always to be understood as a recommendation.
- How long has the treatment been in place?
- Specify the ICD10
- Are hospitalisations or interventions foreseeable?
- Does/did the illness result in a permanent or periodic restricted ability to study or take exams? If yes, when or for how long?
- Has the doctor been released from the duty of confidentiality? Is he/she available for further questions?

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