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Information on the medical certificate when applying for compensation for disadvantages for examinations

The purpose of the certificate is to give the examination board an idea of the student's specific impairment in order to make a good and fair decision. The certificate should be officially issued (header form, practice stamp, name and position of the doctor, address and signature) and written in a way that is understandable to medical laypersons.

Components of the certificate or psychotherapeutic statement:

Personal data of the applicant:
name, date of birth and address

Information on the impairment/disability:

- State the nature of the impairment.
  A specific diagnosis may or may not be given, including a possible ICD 10 classification.
- Information on the duration of the impairment/disability:
  How long has the chronic illness/disability lasted?
  Is the impairment likely to persist?
  Is a change in the clinical picture or health status expected in the next few years?

Information about the impact on studies:

Description of the specific limitations relevant to study performance arising from the chronic illness/disability and how these affect performance.

Recommendations to compensate for disadvantages

Suggestions on how to compensate for these limitations are helpful. These should be regarded as recommendations, but may assist the examination board in identifying appropriate actions

Examples of possible compensation for disadvantages in examination performance are:

- **Writing time extension** in percent
- **Extension of deadlines**
- **Breaks** during exam time
- **Use of assistive technology** (e.g. notebook, magnifying glasses, etc.)
- Approval of a **separate room** (e.g. for autism spectrum disorder…)
- Conversion of the **examination form** (e.g.: oral to written)
- Permission for **assistance** (e.g.: sign language interpreter, reading or writing assistance)

The German Student Union provides on its website
a comprehensive overview of possible compensations for disadvantages:
https://www.studentenwerke.de/de/content/nachteilsausgleiche-bei-prüfungen-und-leistungsnachweisen