

Medical Certificate as Evidence for Reasonable Adjustments

Formal requirements

The medical certificate should

- be written in a way that is understandable for non-medical professionals,
- be issued by a qualified medical professional (general practitioner, specialist physician, psychologist, psychotherapist),
- describe the current state of the impairment and, in the case of conditions subject to change, be no more than six months old,
- include the stamp, date, and signature of the assessing professional.

Contents of the medical certificate

- Confirmation of the existence of a disability, chronic illness, or mental health condition, including its onset, severity (where applicable), and, if possible, the expected course of the condition.
- Description of the specific disadvantaging effects the disability, chronic illness, or mental health condition has on the examination situation, written examinations, practical components (if applicable), coursework or final dissertations, and/or the general study situation.
- Recommendation of specific reasonable adjustments required from a medical or therapeutic perspective in order to ensure equal opportunities, such as:
 - Extension of examination time (in %)
 - Provision of a separate room for written examinations, including, where applicable, the maximum number of candidates in the room
 - Conversion to an alternative form of assessment
 - Additional rest breaks (in minutes)
 - Use of specific aids or assistive technologies.

Website: <https://www.hs-heilbronn.de/en/studying-with-disability>