



Language Requirements

Applicants to a Swiss Government Scholarship for a Master program must be in command of the necessary language skills required for their studies.

Applicants **must** provide the relevant language certificate with their application package. **Applicants who fail to provide the required language certificate will not be taken into consideration.**

At the minimum level C1 according to the [Common European Framework of Reference \(CEF\)](#) for language is required.

For Master Programs: Applicants must provide a language certificate/test in the teaching language of the Master Program

The following certificates (scores) meet the above mentioned criteria:

Recognized English certificates:

Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)	International English Testing System IELTS	TOEFL Internet-based Test IBT	TOEFL Paper-based test PBT	TOEFL Computer-Based Test CBT	Advanced certificate CAE	Proficiency CPE	<i>Test Of English for International Communication</i> TOEIC
Required minimum	6.5	90	575	232	C1	CPE	701-910

Candidates of **English mother-tongue** and those who have completed secondary or post-secondary education in English, confirmed by a diploma, are exempt from this requirement.



Recognized French certificates:

Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)	Ministère de l'éducation nationale Diplôme d'études en langue française DEL F	Ministère de l'éducation nationale Diplôme approfondi de langue française DAL F	française Diplôme supérieur de langue et culture française DSL CF	Alliance française Diplôme de hautes études françaises DHE F	Centre international d'études pédagogiques Test de connaissance du Français TC F	Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Paris Test d'Evaluation du Français TE F
Required minimum	B2	C1	C1	C2	TCF niveau 4 / B2	TEF Niveau 4 / B2

Candidates of **French mother-tongue** and those who have completed secondary or post-secondary education in French, confirmed by a diploma, are exempt from this requirement.

Recognized English certificates:

Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)	Goethe Institut Goethe-Zertifikat C1	Goethe Institut Kleine Deutsche Sprachdiplom KDS	Goethe Institut Grosse Deutsche Sprachdiplom GDS	Goethe Institut Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung ZOP	Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber DSH	Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache TestDaF	Deutsche Sprachdiplom der Kultursministerkonferenz DSD KMK	Österreichische Sprachdiplom ÖSD
Required minimum	C1	C2	C2	C2	TCF Stufe 4 / B2	TDN 4	Zweite Stufe B2	Oberstufe C1

Candidates of **German mother-tongue** and those who have completed secondary or post-secondary education in German, confirmed by a diploma, are exempt from this requirement.