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**Decision from the President of the University of Bremen in accordance with § 81 para. 6 BremHG**

on October 22, 2020 regarding

**Amendment to the practices in place concerning the submission of language certificates for the enrollment of non-EU persons in the winter semester 2020/21 under consideration of the national measures put in place to curb the spread of coronavirus.**

Please note that only the original German version of this text is legally binding.

**Reason for Rapid Decision**

Knowledge of the German language or language skills required for a degree, which are a prerequisite for enrollment as per §36 para. 4 BremHG, as per the regulation concerning special required qualifications as per §33 para. 7 BremHG or according to admission/entrance regulations for a master's degree, remain necessary requirements for a degree. The timely submission of language certificates by accepted applicants from non-EU countries for the winter semester 2020/21 will be waived until November 16, 2020. Several Goethe Institutes and other facilities where language examinations can be carried out outside of the EU are still closed due to the corona pandemic. Thus, it is not possible to acquire language certificates prior to November 16, 2020.

An official suspension of previous ruling must be decided upon by the Academic Senate this week, which is no longer possible in terms of time.

**Amendment to the practices in place concerning the submission of language certificates for the enrollment of non-EU persons in the winter semester 2020/21 under consideration of the national measures put in place to curb the spread of coronavirus:**

1. The requirement of timely submission of language certificates for the enrollment of non-EU applicants is being waived.
2. The university assumes that the language requirements are fulfilled. The responsibility for the availability of said language skills lies only with the students.

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President