Requirements for certificates for applying for disadvantage compensation

The certificate or expert opinion to be issued certifies the disability/impairment or chronic illness and should describe the effects on studies and on examination/academic performance and the measures necessary from a medical point of view (e.g. specialist or psychotherapeutic) to compensate for the disadvantage.

The certificate should be up to date so that the current limitation is clear, and should include a stamp from the treating practice, the name and signature of the treating person and the date of issue.

The certificate should be written in German or English.

It should describe the functional limitations related to studies and examinations in terms of perception, cognition, behaviour and physical functionality, depending on the medical condition.

It is important to describe the development trend (or permanent condition) of the disability or chronic illness(es) and to make appropriate recommendations for suitable support measures for the course of study, as well as concrete suggestions for appropriate measures during examinations or while working on coursework.

Please note the following regarding reading and spelling disorders:

- A standardised test must be used, which must also be specified in the certificate.
- An IQ test is not absolutely necessary, but the certificate must state whether or not the impairment in question is caused by reduced intelligence.