

## PhD student inquiries from China

Before coming to Germany Chinese applicants must have their application documents examined by the APS (Akademische Prüfstelle) of the German Embassy in Beijing and pass the test procedure (see below). After a positive review the candidate receives a certificate, which is needed for determination of equivalence of the degree together with the application to be accepted as a Ph.D. student.

The tasks of the APS

The APS determines whether the applicant meets the entry requirements in accordance with the guidelines of the Standing Conference for university studies in Germany and checks the authenticity of the documents submitted.

The various methods of APS are:

- The China-method for Chinese applicants who reside in China
- The Germany-method for Chinese students who are resided in Germany at least since March 2002

In the China-method a 20 minute interview is a part of the review process. In the interview the candidate will be interviewed about his studies. Example: If a student hands in a confirmation of three semester's studies of mathematics, he should be able to solve mathematical tasks (linear algebra, differential and integral calculus) during the interview (as per his book study). It is not about special or difficult tasks, but the candidate should demonstrate a standard that corresponds to his level of education. This is to check whether the submitted documents belong to this candidate.

The interview will be conducted in German or in English. If the results of the review are positive, the certificate is issued. With this certificate, the applicant may submit his visa application to the APS (simplified visa procedure). Applicants from the office districts of the General Consulates of Shanghai and Canton must also have their documents checked in Beijing and submit visa application there.

The process in the APS usually proceeds as follows:

- Verification of documents
- Interview (only in China-method )
- Issuance of the certificate
- Acceptance of the visa applications (only in China-method)

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