

## I already have language skills. Do I have to take the placement test?

I have **not attended** any language course at the ZFA yet.

You need to take the placement test, **even if you only have a little knowledge** of the language you want to study. It does not matter where you acquired your language skills, either. Language skills acquired at home (e.g. by one parent) are also considered to be prior knowledge.

You do not need to take the placement test, if you have already taken the placement test at the ZFA **within ELEVEN MONTH before the beginning of the course**. You can register directly for the course level according to your placement test result.

*Example:* If you took the placement test at the beginning of the summer semester 2022, the result is valid for the summer semester 2022 and the winter semester 2022/23.

In case you have already taken a course at the ZFA, please read here: If you have already obtained an international standardized language certificate, please go to [I already hold a language certificate](#).

I have **already attended** language courses at the ZFA.

Please read the following document: [I have already attended language courses at the ZFA](#).

I have spent some time **abroad**.

If you attended a language course at the ZFA prior to your time in a country in which you have been able to improve your language skills, it is advisable to take the placement test.

Is the **High School Diploma** a sufficient proof of my language skills?

Please go to: [\*Is the High School Diploma a sufficient proof of my language skills?\*](#)