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**Agreement on the Recognition of the
“International Baccalaureate
Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat
International”**

(Resolution of the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of
10/03/1986, as amended on 26/11/2020)

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1. An “International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International” issued in accordance with the regulations of the “International Baccalaureate Organization(IBO)/Office du Baccalauréat International” shall be recognized as a university entrance qualification if it has been obtained after attending at least twelve years of full-time education in ascending year groups, and if the following requirements are met:
 - a) The six examination subjects taken for the “International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International” (IB) must include the following subjects, referred to here by their official IB title:
 - two languages at level A or B (of which at least one advanced foreign language as “Language A”¹ or “Language B HL”²);
 - one natural science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics);
 - mathematics (Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches³ or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation³)⁴;
 - one social science (History, Geography, Economics, Psychology, Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Business Management, Global Politics).

The sixth compulsory subject may be one of the above or one of the following subjects, referred to here by their official IB title:

- Art/Design⁵, Music, Theatre Arts⁶; Film, Literature and Performance, an additional modern foreign language, Latin, Classical Greek,

¹ As of examination year 2013, Language A: Language and Literature or Language A: Literature. For pupils who are unable to receive instruction in their mother tongue at their school, a corresponding school-supported self-taught course may be recognized as Language A: Literature SL.

² Applies as of examination year 2013.

³ Qualifications in Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL obtained in examination year 2021 shall be regarded as subject-specific university entrance qualifications for technical universities and universities providing access only to courses of study not falling within the mathematical/scientific/technical field. Exception: qualifications obtained at the schools listed in Appendices 1 and 2 meet the relevant requirements in the subject of mathematics. Consequently, the IB Diploma issued to pupils in accordance with this agreement shall be recognized as a general university entrance qualification.

⁴ Up to and including examination year 2020, Mathematics SL (prior to 2006 Mathematical Methods) or Mathematics HL or Further Mathematics in conjunction with Mathematics HL.

⁵ Referred to as Visual Arts since May 2000.

⁶ Referred to as Theatre as of examination year 2009.

General Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Environmental Systems⁷, Computer Science, Design Technology, World Religions, Sports Exercise and Health Science.

- b) Of the three “International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International” subjects taken at “Higher Level”, at least one must be either Mathematics or a natural science, i.e. Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
- c) All subjects must have been studied continuously as part of the “IB Diploma Programme”, i.e. in two ascending year groups.
- d) Pupils must have obtained at least IB grade 4 in the six compulsory subjects.⁸

If an IB grade of 3 has been obtained in only one subject, this can be compensated for if a minimum IB grade of 5 and a minimum total of 24 points have been obtained in another subject of at least the same level of difficulty.

- e) German qualification holders attending an IB school abroad that does not offer German as a subject must provide proof of competence in German before starting higher education in Germany; the further details are governed by federal state provisions.

2. If the conditions under paragraph 1 have not been met, in order for recognition as a university entrance qualification to be granted, the pupil must successfully pass an additional examination in accordance with the “Framework Decree on the Recognition of Foreign University Entrance Qualifications, Preparatory Courses and the Assessment Test” (Resolution of the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of 15/04/1994, as amended). Recognition as a subject-specific university entrance qualification is also possible on the basis of successful completion of a one-year higher education course in a country whose school leaving certificates qualify graduates for entrance to university in Germany directly or after successful completion of a one-year course of study.

⁷ Referred to as Environmental Systems and Societies as of examination year 2010.

⁸ IB fail grades:
 1 = very poor/très faible
 2 = poor/faible
 3 = mediocre/médiocre
 IB pass grades:
 4 = satisfactory/satisfaisant
 5 = good/bon
 6 = very good/très bon
 7 = excellent/excellent

3. The average grade for an “International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International” is calculated in the country in which the qualification is issued. This shall be subject to the procedure set out in the “Agreement on Determining the Overall Grade for Foreign University Entrance Qualifications” (Resolution of the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of 15/03/1991, as amended) together with the following IB-specific rules.

The average grade (N) is calculated based on the total number of points (P) obtained in the “International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International”, and on a maximum score (Pmax) of 42 and a minimum score (Pmin) of 24. Any bonus points obtained are included in the calculation. Total scores between 42 (Pmax) and 45 (highest possible IB score when including the maximum available 3 bonus points) are deemed equivalent to the German grade 1.0.

The conversion is performed using the following formula:

$N = 1 + 3 \frac{P_{\max} - P}{P_{\max} - P_{\min}}$ <p>where</p> <p>N = average grade to be calculated</p> <p>P = total score received for IB diploma</p> <p>Pmax = 42 points (IB total score without bonus points)</p> <p>Pmin = 24 points (lower benchmark)</p> <p>N = 1.0 (where $42 \leq P \leq 45$)</p>
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4. The IBO shall regularly update the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs about any changes to the final examination (requirements, content, organization), and shall give the German Schools Inspectorate the opportunity to inspect the work being done by the schools. If there is a need for consultation, or at the request of one of the federal states, the Advisory Committee of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) shall assess whether the criteria for recognition of the IB are still met.
5. This resolution shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs.



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Appendix

Pupils at the international schools listed below who have taken Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL can, on the basis of a special agreement with the IBO, be granted a general university entrance qualification.

(As at: 26/11/2020)

Consecutive no.	Country	Name of school	Comes into effect (examination year)



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Appendix

Pupils at the schools offering the bilingual IB (GIB) listed below who have taken Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL can, on the basis of a special agreement with the IBO/ZfA (Central Agency for Schools Abroad), be granted a general university entrance qualification.

(As at: 16/12/2020)

Consecutive no.	Country	Name of school	Comes into effect (examination year)	IBIS code
1	Argentina	Pestalozzi-Schule, Buenos Aires	2021	001416
2	Argentina	DS Villa Ballester, Buenos Aires	2021	001417
3	Argentina	DS Temperley	2021	004242
4	Bolivia	DS Santa Cruz, Bolivia	2021	003479
5	Chile	DS Concepción	2021	006394
6	Chile	DS Thomas Morus Santiago	2021	008000
7	Chile	DS Valdivia	2021	003848
8	Chile	DS Valparaíso	2021	003847
9	Ecuador	DS Cuenca	2021	004880
10	Ecuador	DS Guayaquil	2021	001421
11	El Salvador	DS San Salvador	2021	001456
12	Columbia	DS Barranquilla	2021	001420
13	Columbia	DS Cali	2021	001465
14	Columbia	DS Medellín	2021	003779
15	Mexico	DS Guadalajara	2021	001464
16	Nicaragua	DS Managua	2021	001422
17	Paraguay	DS Asunción	2021	006936
18	Peru	DS Max Uhle Arequipa	2021	003787
19	Peru	Beata Imelda, Lima	2021	004804
20	Egypt	DS Beverly Hills, Cairo	2021	049352
21	Egypt	Neue Deutsche Schule Alexandria	2021	050343
22	Egypt	DS Hurghada	2021	051882
23	Ethiopia	DS Addis Abeba	2021	001450
24	Iraq	DS Erbil	2021	051560
25	Qatar	DIS Doha	2021	051187
26	Lebanon	DS Beirut	2021	002220
27	Russia	DS Saint Petersburg	2021	060518

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28	Saudi Arabia	DS Djidda	2021	049877
29	Turkey	DS Ankara	2021	001418
30	Turkey	DS Izmir	2021	049477
31	Turkey	IELEV Özel Istanbul	2021	051646
32	United Arab Emirates	DIS Sharjah	2021	050021
33	Australia	DIS Sydney	2021	001373
34	Philippines	DS Manila	2021	001462
35	Taiwan	DS Taipei	2023	001407