

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS EXAMINATIONS

Is there a difference between external and internal exam candidates?

External candidates are those, who have not enrolled for a course at Goethe-Institut/ Max Mueller Bhavan Chennai but would like to take an examination for Goethe-Zertifikat at the Goethe-Institut. The exam pattern which is available on our website is same for everyone.

Are the examinations conducted digitally or in paper format at the Goethe-Institut/ Max Mueller Bhavan?

Levels A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 are conducted in paper format.

Level B1 & B2 is also conducted digitally (on laptops at the institute).

Level A1 is also conducted online

How can a candidate register himself / herself for the examination at the Goethe-Institut/ Max Mueller Bhavan Chennai?

The booking and payment can be done via our website using a Visa or Master credit card, enabled for international transactions.

a) Once the payment is made and the examination fee is received by the Goethe-Institut, the admit card/confirmation is sent via a system generated E-Mail.

b) The steps for checking the result and downloading the certificate is shared via E-Mail upto 48 hours prior to the examination.

Can a candidate take a B1 level examination as an external candidate without completing A2 level?

As an external candidate one can take the examination of any level.

If a candidate is below the recommended age, can he/she still take the examination for adults?

Yes, as an external candidate you may take the examination for any level. For the potential exam participants, who are younger than the recommended age or whose age varies considerably from the recommended age above may not appeal their exam results on the grounds of their age, e.g. because the topics are not suitable to their age. One need not have attended a language course or acquired a certificate in order to participate in an exam as an external candidate.

If a candidate has not passed all the modules in a modular exam within 6 months, does he/ she need to repeat all the modules?

No, the candidate may repeat only the modules which he or she has not passed.

Where can one find material for exam preparation?

Practice material for all Goethe examinations is available on our website

<http://www.goethe.de/lrn/prj/pba/bes/gzb/mat/enindex.htm>. Additionally

examination preparation material / books can be obtained from various publishers. The same is also available in our library.

Can the exam fees be refunded if it has already been paid?

Examination fee is non-refundable. If an exam is not taken for reasons of illness, 75% of the examination fee will be credited only once for the next/following examination date, provided a medical certificate has been furnished prior to the commencement of the examination. Should a participant be excluded from the exam (see Section 11 [Pruefungsordnung.pdf](#) of the Exam_Guidelines of the Goethe-Institut), the exam fee will not be refunded.

When are the results announced?

The results are uploaded on "MeinGoethe.de" after 4 weeks from date of examination.

How can I get my certificate after passing the examination?

For all Goethe-Examinations from 01.03.2024, the digitally downloadable certificates of the passed examinations/ modules will be available along with the results 3 weeks from the date of examination on "MeinGoethe.de". Candidates are not entitled to paper certificates.

Can I get the correction done in my personal details post registration?

In case of small corrections in personal details, changes will be carried out upon submitting a valid ID-proof and against administrative charges of INR 2,900 including GST. This is valid only when the correction is intimated in writing at pruefungen-chennai@goethe.de latest on the day of the examination.

How can I get a replacement certificate, if my certificate is lost / damaged?

In case of loss of previously issued certificate issued for exams conducted until 29.02.2024, a replacement certificate shall be issued against administrative charges of INR 2,900 including GST. This clause is valid only for an examination taken within the last ten years.

How can the candidate apply for viewing?

Based on the examination regulations, the viewing takes place in the presence of an examiner. You are requested to write at pruefungen-chennai@goethe.de for further details regarding viewing. You can apply in writing for viewing of your answer sheets within 14 days after the declaration of the result.

There is no facility of reevaluation or rechecking of paper. "Viewing of paper" is an opportunity for candidates to get an orientation in their performance.

What is a Level Test?

Prospective students who wish to take a course higher than A1 and have not passed any of the Goethe-Institut examinations within the last six months will have to take the online level test. This will determine the level of their current knowledge of German language. Details pertaining to the same are available on the website. A level test can be booked by making the online payment, using a Visa or Master credit card, enabled for international transactions on our website.