



Industrie- und Handelskammer
zu Rostock

Proficiency of German required for the Course as to §34a GeWo

The Purpose of the Course

The course provides the skills required for the later job as a security guard, i.e.:

- specific duties
- specific competence
- the practical application

This course is in German.

Example from the Course

One of the important rules and regulations for security personnel is the so-called 'act of self-defense'. Security personnel must be able to assess whether they can act in self-defense in any specific situation or not. This is why they must understand that self-defense is only allowed in case of a 'present unlawful attack'. In order to assess an actual situation they must know that an attack is present, if the attack

- is immediately imminent
- has already started
- or is still going on

Required Proficiency of German

The contents of the course can only be taught, if the participants have a sufficient command of German. In § 3.1, the regulation for security personnel stipulates: 'people/students must have the required proficiency of German in order to work as security personnel or to attend a corresponding course'.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rostock (IHK) has designed the course to allow general understanding of the course contents with an achieved language **Level B** - in compliance with the European language framework. **The B1 Level is the minimum requirement for the course**; better would be **Level B2** or an even higher one. Good command of German, which is required for the successful participation, is the basis of understanding of the course contents. **Level A is generally not sufficient.**

Successful Participation, Confirmation of Participation

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In order to successfully participate and obtain a confirmation of participation in the course, §3.2 of the regulation for security personnel demands among others the attendance without absence,

the dialogue with the participants
oral testing of the course contents
written tests

The IHK is obliged to make sure that the course participants have sufficient knowledge of the course's contents, in which case the participants will obtain the confirmation of participation in the course. This confirmation **cannot be given** with insufficient proficiency of German impairing the understanding of the course contents.

Written Tests

The course is divided into six different topics:

1. Law on Public Safety and Order, including Commercial Law and Data Protection
2. German Civil Code
3. Criminal Law and Process including the use of weapons
4. Accident Prevention for security personnel
5. Know how to act in dangerous situations involving people and de-escalation skills in dangerous situations
6. Safety features and equipment

Each topic will be tested in writing by multiple choice questions and gap texts, which have to be filled in with single words. Each test must be successfully passed with 30%. Tests are written during the course and are part of the course.

If the confirmation of participation is not given, the whole course will have to be repeated. It is not possible to repeat individual tests. The course fee has to be paid in full again with the repetition of the course.

Costs

A course fee has to be paid. According to the IHK payment terms the course fee is 405.00 euro, which has to be paid after receipt of the invoice until the first day of the course at the latest. Otherwise the general entry terms of the IHK are to be applied.

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