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Correctional note on proof of English language proficiency for English-language master’s degree programs,
§ 36 Academic and Examination Regulations.

In a letter dated 30 January 2017, the Bavarian State Ministry of Education, Science and the Arts informed the Technical University of Munich that the wording in §36 (2) of its Academic and Examination Regulations for English-language master’s degree programs is not admissible. The passage reads, “an adequate knowledge of the English language; students whose native language or language of instruction is not English must submit proof of having passed a recognized language test such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL, scoring at least 88 points), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS, at least 6.5 points), the Cambridge Main Suite of English Examinations or other language tests authorized by the Academic Affairs Board [...]”. Reference to citizenship and native language is contrary to European law. Therefore, the words “native language or” are to be deleted.

Insofar as Academic and Examination Regulations for English-language master’s degree programs are not yet amended in compliance with the stipulations as described above, they are to be executed in conformity with European law. Effective immediately, citizenship of an English-speaking country is no longer admissible as proof of an adequate knowledge of the English language.

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