

Hardship application

For cases of exceptional hardship, up to 2 percent of the study places are provided. Exceptional hardship exists if special social or family reasons in one's own person make it absolutely necessary to take up studies immediately, i.e. if a delay in the start of studies, even by only one semester, is unreasonable for the personally existing reasons. In other words, there must be a **special exceptional** situation. Reasons that you list must already exist in **your person at the time of application and be beyond your control**.

Therefore, the application can only be considered for a few persons. Before submitting the application, you should check for yourself whether it has a chance of success.

A special application must always be submitted at the same time as the application for admission and must be supported by a statement of reasons and suitable evidence (see below for examples). Present your "special case" clearly enough with the justification and the attached supporting documents so that an outside person can understand your arguments on the basis of the documents.

Reasoned requests

In the following **exemplary** cases, the request can usually be granted:

1. **Special health circumstances requiring immediate approval**, as evidenced by a specialist medical certificate*.
*The expert medical opinion must contain sufficient comments on the individual criteria listed in the respective number. The expert opinion should contain statements on the origin, severity, course and treatment options of the disease as well as a prognosis on the further course of the disease. It should also be comprehensible to medical laypersons. Additional evidence may include, for example, the severely disabled person's ID card, the assessment notice from the pension office.
 - 1.1 Disease with a tendency to worsen, which will lead to a high probability that in the future it will be future, it will not be possible to endure the stresses and strains of studying in this program.
 - 1.2 Disability due to illness; vocational rehabilitation can only be ensured by immediate admission to the program because the disability makes it impossible to bridge the waiting period in a meaningful way.
 - 1.3 Restricted to a narrow vocational field due to physical disability; the intended course of study suggests successful rehabilitation.
 - 1.4 Necessity of giving up the previous studies or profession for health reasons; a reasonable bridging of the waiting period is not possible for these reasons.
 - 1.5 Physical disability; the disability prevents any other reasonable activity until a place of study is assigned.
 - 1.6 Restriction in the choice of profession or practice of profession due to illness; due to this circumstance, lack of a reasonable bridging of the waiting period. **Besondere familiäre oder soziale Umstände**, die die sofortige Zulassung erfordern (zum Nachweis geeignete Unterlagen).
2. **Late resettlement** as well as admission to a course of study in the country of origin that corresponds to the chosen course of study (official certificate of late resettlement and certificate from the university confirming admission to a corresponding course of study in the country of origin).
3. **Previous admission** for the mentioned study program and impossibility to use it due to compelling reasons beyond his/her control (especially illness) (proof of the compelling reason that prevented the enrollment and previous admission notice).
4. **Special social or family reasons in the applicant's person which make an immediate change of study location absolutely necessary**; reasons are not taken into consideration whose assertion would already have been possible in the award procedure which led to the applicant's admission (proof of current enrollment for the desired course of study at a German university and proof of the reasons for the change of study location).

Unsubstantiated requests

In the following exemplary cases, unless there are other exceptional circumstances in the person of the applicant, the application can in principle NOT be successful:

To 1.

- Commitment to a place due to the necessity of home care and support in the case of an existing illness.
- Necessity to give up the previous studies or profession for health reasons; however, a bridging of the waiting period is possible.
- Restriction in the choice of profession due to illness; however, bridging of the waiting period is possible.

To 2.

- The studies cannot be financed from private funds.
- Future discontinuation of a possibility of private financing of the studies in case of further delay of the start of the studies.
- Financing of studies is limited by contract or other legal transaction (e.g. farm transfer contract, inheritance contract, will); it is no longer secured for the intended course of studies if admission is further delayed.
- Receipt of orphan's pension, which is only granted up to a certain age during a course of study, if the orphan's pension can no longer be claimed if the start of the course of study is delayed further.
- Time limit on the receipt of pension payments from the German Armed Forces.
- Receipt of study support from public funds, orphan's allowance, pension, or similar income for an alternative study program begun; the alternative study program is counted toward the time for which this income is granted.
- Financing of an alternative course of studies by own work, because the study support from public funds is to be taken up only after the admission to the desired course of studies because of the imputation obligation.
- Financing of an alternative course of study by means of loans; if admission to the course of study actually sought is further delayed, the burden of repayment and interest obligations becomes too high.
- Maintenance by working spouse.
- Need to abandon the position of the working spouse providing support.
- Spouse is also still in education; therefore, in his/her own opinion, financial situation requires immediate commencement of studies.
- Applicant is widowed or divorced and wants to secure the future livelihood of own dependent children through studies.
- Financial difficulties of the parents.
- Applicant wants to support or provide for parents suffering from financial difficulties or to care for siblings as soon as possible.
- Applicant is an orphan or half-orphan. Bewerberin oder Bewerber ist verheiratet
- Applicant has one or more children.
- Father or mother or both parents are ill or severely disabled.
- Father or mother or both parents are late repatriates, expellees, politically or racially persecuted persons or refugees from the former GDR.
- Physical disability, need for care or incapacity of siblings.
- Coming from a large family; all or almost all siblings are still in education.
- Need for financial support from parents, siblings or other dependents in the near future.

- Fear of disadvantages if they continue to wait with regard to the opportunity to take over a medical practice or pharmacy:
 - For their own future existence,
 - for the ability to work, the health or the care of the owner of the medical practice or pharmacy, or
 - for the supply of the population in the catchment area. Aufgabe des bisherigen Studiums oder des bisher ausgeübten Berufs wegen Arbeitslosigkeit oder schlechter Berufsaussichten.
- Abandonment of previous studies or profession due to lack of motivation or aptitude.
- Abandonment of previous studies or profession for reasons of conscience.
- Assertion of special aptitude for the first-named course of study and the corresponding profession.
- Successful completion of the prescribed practical activities or those which under previous law led to an improvement in the chances of admission (e.g. nursing service, preliminary pharmaceutical examination).
- Existence of creditable course work and/or time.
- Many years of theoretical work in the field of the intended study.
- Applicant is already of advanced age.
- Repeated rejection for the desired course of study.
- Exceeding an important age limit in the event of a further delay in the start of studies (e.g. for admission to the preparatory service or for admission to civil service).
- Without immediate admission, loss of study or examination privileges provided by law.
- Completion of a service.
- Imminent call-up to the German Armed Forces in the event of non-admission.
- Regional restriction of the university entrance qualification.
- Studies begun abroad cannot be completed there and should therefore be continued here.
- Necessity of high expenses for the acquisition of the secondary school leaving certificate.

To 4.

- Failure to meet the enrollment deadline pursuant to § 8 of the ZVS Regulations after having been admitted to the above-mentioned degree program in an earlier semester.
- Applicant had been admitted to the above-mentioned degree program in an earlier semester, but then - before or after enrollment - waived the place because, for example, no accommodation could be found.
- Applicant had been admitted to the above-mentioned degree program in an earlier semester, but was then not enrolled because the university did not recognize the university entrance qualification.