

## Doctor's certificates

What you need to know

Falling ill during an exam

### Illness during a written examination

You should only attend an examination if you feel able to do so from a health perspective. If you unexpectedly experience health issues during an examination, you can state to the primary invigilator that you are withdrawing from the examination, indicating your symptoms, and you must then **immediately** go to a doctor.

The corresponding doctor's certificate is to be submitted **without undue delay, i.e. within three working days**. When submitting your doctor's certificate, you must indicate that you abandoned the examination.

It will subsequently be decided if the stated withdrawal due to the potential incapacity to participate in examinations is admissible.

Once you have completed the examination, it is no longer possible to withdraw from it.

- It is **not** possible to meet the deadline by submitting a copy/scan of a doctor's certificate (by email).
- Doctor's certificates issued in retrospect and backdated certificates will not be accepted. **(This rule is effective from the summer semester 2024.)**
- A **certificate of incapacity for work** (*Arbeitsunfähigkeitsbescheinigung*) or a **doctor's note for school** (*Schülerbescheinigung*) are not sufficient.
- Please find information on medical help at times when regular practices are closed on the website of the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians by following this link: [On-call practices available outside of GPs regular office hours](#)