

## Information on doctor's certificates confirming inability to sit university examinations due to illness

If a student is unable to sit an examination due to illness, they must inform the Examinations Committee responsible for the examination immediately and submit a doctor's certificate (ärztliches Attest<sup>\*)</sup>. An official medical certificate (vertrauensärztliches Attest<sup>\*\*</sup>) issued by one of the 6 medical practices listed overleaf which is authorised to issue this kind of certificate for FAU is required:

- in all cases where a student terminates an examination due to illness (student informs an invigilator that they are unable to continue with the examination after the start of the examination<sup>\*)</sup>)
- if the Examinations Committee has specified for the specific case that an official medical certificate (vertrauensärztliches Attest) is required (cases where a student has been unable to sit examinations due to illness on multiple occasions)

In exceptional cases where an examination takes place outside the opening hours of the medical practices that are authorised to issue an official medical certificate (vertrauensärztliches Attest) for FAU (e.g. after 6 p.m. or at the weekend), a certificate issued by an on-call doctor (ärztlicher Notdienst) is sufficient.

### Requirements for doctor's certificates confirming inability to sit university examinations due to illness

In all cases, the doctor's certificate must be based on a medical examination carried out on the day from which the student is judged unable to sit an examination. It is not sufficient for the certificate to merely state 'Prüfungsunfähigkeit' (inability to sit examinations) or to obtain a certificate confirming inability to work (Arbeitsunfähigkeitsbescheinigung). 'Prüfungsunfähigkeit' is a legal concept and whether or not the requirements to use this term are fulfilled is a legal matter which is to be decided upon by the administrative jurisdiction of an

Examinations Committee or, in the case of a dispute, in an administrative court. This decision is made on the basis of medical reasons described by a medical expert which must be presented in such a way that an Examinations Committee can logically assess whether the student is unable to sit an examination. A doctor's certificate must therefore meet the following requirements; the student must free the doctor from their obligation to maintain doctor-patient confidentiality for this purpose:

1. The current physical and/or mental disorders which are caused by illness and cause the student to be unable to sit an examination must be described specifically and logically enough for an Examinations Committee to come to a conclusion on whether the student was genuinely unable to sit the examination on the day of the examination.
2. The doctor's certificate does not need to contain a medical diagnosis. However, as long as the patient gives their consent, there is no reason not to state a diagnosis on the doctor's certificate, rather than give a detailed description of symptoms, if the diagnosis could be deemed a plausible explanation of the inability to sit an examination.

### The doctor's certificate or official medical certificate (ärztliches Attest/vertrauensärztliches Attest) must contain the following information:

- student's first name, surname and date of birth
- date of medical examination and expected duration of illness
- description of symptoms relevant to inability to sit an examination and/or diagnosis (if the patient has given their consent)
- doctor's stamp and signature

<sup>\*)</sup> Only applies if, at this point in time, regular withdrawal from the examination in accordance with the Examination Regulations is no longer possible.

<sup>\*\*)</sup> In cases where the degree programme and examination regulations state that an official medical certificate (vertrauensärztliches Attest) is required if a student leaves during the examination.

## Medical practices authorised to issue an official medical certificate (vertrauensärztliches Attest) for FAU

*Please ensure you call to arrange an appointment before visiting the practice. You will be given an appointment on the same day during the practice's regular opening hours and will therefore avoid unnecessary waiting times. A fee of 10–15 euros is charged for official medical certificates (vertrauensärztliches Attest) and must be paid immediately.*

### **Eckental**

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Practice: Dr. med. Vanadis Kamm-Kohl  
Ziegelsteinstr. 32  
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### **Only outside the opening hours of the practices listed above:**

Ärztliche Bereitschaftspraxis Erlangen  
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1 p.m.–8 p.m.; Fridays 4 p.m.–8 p.m.; Satur-  
days, Sundays and public holidays 8 a.m.–  
8 p.m.; days before a public holiday 6 p.m.–  
8 p.m.

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Bahnhofstraße 11a, 90402 Nürnberg  
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Wednesdays 2 p.m.–11 p.m.; Saturdays, Sun-  
days and public holidays 8 a.m.–11 p.m.

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