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The institute has developed a series of exams for learners of [German as a foreign language](#) (*Deutsch als Fremdsprache*, DaF). The series includes all levels: A1 up to C2. In addition there is the [Green diploma](#) to acquire and prove German as a foreign language teaching qualifications.<sup>[1]</sup>

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