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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO GSDF TRIALS **20 October 2025**

Qualification	Full Name (German)	Full Name (English)	Minimum Age	Minimum Prerequisite
IAD	Internationale Ausdauerprüfung	International Endurance Test	16 months	--
BH / VT	Begleithund - Verkehrstest	Companion Dog Test - Traffic Test	12 months	--
IBgH1	Internationale Begleithundprüfung	Companion Dog Test - *Comparable to BH-VT but with some advanced levels*	15 months	BH / VT
IBgH2			15 months	IBGH1
IBgH3			15 months	IBGH2 or IGP1
A dog that has previously qualified IGP1 can only enter IBGH3				
IGP1	Internationale Gebrauchshund Prüfung	International Working Dog Test	18 months	BH / VT
IGP2			19 months	IGP1
IGP3			20 months	IGP2
IFH1	Internationale Fährtenhund	Advanced Tracking Title	18 months	BH / VT
IFH2			19 months	IFH1
IFH3			20 months	IFH2
IGP-IFH	IGP-Fährtenhund	Advanced Tracking Title	20 months	IFH3
F.Pr 1-3	Fährtenhund Prüfung	Tracking Dog Test	15 months	BH / VT
U.Pr 1-3	Unterordnung Prüfung	Obedience Dog Test	15 months	BH / VT
S.Pr 1-3	Schutzhund Prüfung	Protection Dog Test	18 months	BH / VT
G.Pr 1-3	Gebrauchshund Prüfung	Working Dog Test - *Comparable to IGP, Obedience & Protection Only*	18 months	BH / VT
There is no requirement for progression through the levels. Entry can be at any level without having previously passed a lower level. The only prerequisite is BH / VT. Passing does not give an official working title. Trials with only the Protection phases are not permitted.				

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