

Certificate requirement

General handling

Starting on September 20th, 2021, a certificate requirement will apply to all activities that take place within the framework of the University, regardless of the number of participants.

On this website you will find the latest information: www.unibe.ch/coronavirus

All certificates recognized in Switzerland are valid – this also includes all certificates from the EU/Schengen area issued according to the specifications of the «EU Digital COVID Certificate». For certificates from other countries recognition may be possible.

In interior spaces at the University, a universal requirement to wear a mask continues to apply for everyone. Masks can only be taken off at the workplace and at meetings if everyone present has a certificate and a distance of 1.50 meters is maintained.

Employees without a certificate will work from home whenever possible and in consultation with their superiors. If this is not possible, they and all persons in the same room must wear masks at all times.

Checks

Certificates must be presented upon request. In principle, the University of Bern trusts the statement and personal responsibility of employees, students, and participants in activities. However, random checks will be carried out. The random checks are carried out by authorized personnel.

Supervisors, lecturers, and organizers of events such as meetings etc. are not required to carry out checks, but they are authorized to do so. Specifically, the crisis management team recommends this if they personally want to increase safety and/or have definite indication that individuals present are missing certificates. The check can be carried out using the app, Covid Certificate Check. The identity of the person must be known or verified by an ID card.

Individuals participating in a course or activity without a valid certificate must leave immediately, and face disciplinary or legal consequences. If a person refuses to comply with the instructions, the person checking (inspection service, supervisor, event organizer) can request assistance from the respective facilities service and will report the incident to the Risk Management Office (risiko@unibe.ch). If the situation is particularly dangerous, the police can also be called, at 117.

Mandatory presence

For certain courses and activities in teaching and operations, attendance is required. This obligation continues to apply and can and should be enforced. Students and employees are required to attend these events with a valid certificate. There is no right to online participation in these cases.

Get tested

The University will offer free PCR testing no later than October following the expiration of federally funded testing. Students and employees with a UNICARD can be tested by appointment at three locations in the front, middle, and back of Länggasse. Certificates issued during these tests are valid for 72 hours. The certificate is available within a maximum of 36 hours after the test and is valid for university use only. For more information, please visit

→ www.unibe.ch/coronavirus

Vaccinate

The University Executive Board and the crisis management team recommend that all individuals get vaccinated as soon as possible (be.vacme.ch). For more information, visit

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