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**HRK General Assembly:**

**Assuring the quality of subject-specific academic aptitude tests**

The German Rectors' Conference (Hochschulrektorenkonferenz – HRK) plans to establish an Advisory Board on Academic Aptitude Tests in order to assure the quality of these tests. The 2nd HRK General Meeting adopted this resolution on 27 November 2007.

Since the beginning of 2005, most universities have also been legally able to consider the results of subject-specific academic aptitude tests during the university admissions process. "In the medium to long-term, providers will develop and carry out ever more tests," said HRK-President Wintermantel. "It is important that an advisory board responsible for the tests is already operational at the beginning of this development." The lack of concrete legislative rules and regulations made it both possible and necessary to install an advisory board by using the universities' right to self-administration.

The advisory board will review the subject-specific academic aptitude tests and will issue recommendations to potential test developers, to the universities, and to HRK Executive Board. It will develop standards with which the quality of a test can be checked before it comes into use and can later be evaluated.

The Executive Board will appoint the members of the advisory board in the near future.