



Annex 3 to the University of Hohenheim doctoral degree regulations for Dr. rer. nat.

Affidavit, Legal Notice

The University of Hohenheim requires an affidavit declaring that the academic work has been completed independently in order to credibly claim that the doctoral candidate independently completed the academic work.

Because the legislative authorities place particular importance on affidavits, and because affidavits can have serious consequences, the legislative authorities have placed criminal penalties on the issuance of a false affidavit. In the case of willful (that is, with the knowledge of the person issuing the affidavit) issuance of a false affidavit, the criminal penalty includes a term of imprisonment for up to three years or a fine.

A negligent issuance (that is, an issuance although you should have known that the affidavit was false) is punishable by a term of imprisonment for up to one year or a fine.

The respective regulations are documented in Sec. 156 StGB (Criminal Code) (false affidavit) as well as in Sec. 161 StGB (negligent false oath, negligent false affidavit).

Sec. 156 StGB: False Affidavit

Issuing a false affidavit to an authority body responsible for accepting affidavits or perjury under reference to such an affidavit shall be punishable with a term of imprisonment up to three years or with a fine.

Sec. 161 StGB: Negligent False Oath, Negligent False Affidavit:

Subsection 1: If one of the actions described in Secs. 154 and 156 is done negligently, the action shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to one year or a fine.

Subsection 2: Impunity shall apply if the perpetrator corrects the false information in a timely manner. The regulations in Sec. 158 (2) and (3) apply mutatis mutandis.

I have taken note of the information on the affidavit.

(Place and Date)

(Signature)