The German-language version of the Regulation on the Allocation of University Places is legally binding.

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Hamburg Regulation on the Allocation of University Places (Hamburg Regulation on the Allocation of University Places – HmbStPlVVO), the following are treated as equivalent to German nationals:

1. Nationals of another Member State of the European Union or of another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area,
2. Children of nationals of another Member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area who are resident in the Federal Republic of Germany, provided that those nationals are or have been employed in the Federal Republic of Germany,
3. Other family members residing in the Federal Republic of Germany within the meaning of Article 2(2) of Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, amending Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 and repealing Directives 64/221/EEC, 68/360/EEC, 72/194/EEC, 73/148/EEC; 75/34/EEC, 75/35/EEC, 90/364/EEC, 90/365/EEC and 93/96/EEC (OJ EU 2004 No L 158 p. 77, L 229 p. 35, 2007 No. L 204 p. 28) by nationals of another Member State of the European Union or of States party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, provided that such nationals are employed in the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as
4. other foreign nationals or stateless persons who hold a qualification for admission to higher education obtained in the Federal Republic of Germany or at a German school abroad, which was not obtained exclusively under foreign law (German qualification for admission to higher education); the same applies to foreign nationals or stateless persons who hold the European Baccalaureate.

Anyone who holds German nationality alongside a foreign nationality shall be included in the admissions procedure in accordance with the provisions applicable to German nationals.