



French as a Foreign Language Official diplomas

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What are DELF & DALF?

DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) and DALF (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) are official qualifications delivered by the French Department of Education to certify competencies of non-French native speakers in the French language.

DELF and DALF qualifications are internationally recognised, they are consistent with the international standards for test development (www.alte.org) and the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (www.coe.int).

The DELF and DALF consist of 6 levels, each independently recognised as a diploma. Candidates can choose their examination according to their level. They may also sit the examinations for more than one diploma during the same examination session.

At each level, 4 skills are evaluated : listening, speaking, reading and writing.

People who have passed the DELF B2 or DALF (C1 or C2) are exempt from taking language tests for entrance into French universities.

A mark of at least 50/100 is required in order to be awarded the diploma.

DELF and DALF are lifetime diplomas.





A1.1



A1



A2



B1



B2



C1



C2

DELTA Prim

DELTA

DALF

DELTA A1 **Basic users** **Breakthrough** **60-80 Hours***
 This level acknowledges basic competencies. At this discovery stage, the learners can interact in a simple way: they can speak about themselves and their immediate environment.

DELTA A2 **Basic users** **Waystage** **160-240 Hours**
 This level is based on the same principle: it acknowledges the linguistic competency of basic users, considered as social actors. The candidates can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring the most common polite phrases and exchanges of information.

DELTA B1 **Independent users** **Threshold** **200-400 Hours**
 At this level, the users become independent. They can interact, understand and maintain a discussion, give their opinion. They are capable of dealing with situations likely to arise in daily life.

DELTA B2 **Independent users** **Language** **400-700 Hours**
 B2 users have a degree of independence that allows them to construct arguments to defend their opinion, explain their viewpoint and negotiate. At this level, the candidates show a certain fluency and spontaneity in regular interactions and are capable of correcting their own mistakes.

DALF C1 **Proficient users** **Effective operational proficiency** **600-900 Hours**
 Language users at level C1 are independent. They can express themselves fluently and spontaneously. They have a large vocabulary and can choose the appropriate expression to introduce their comments. They can produce a clear, well-structured discourse without hesitation, with a controlled use of structure.

DALF C2 **Proficient users** **Mastery** **Indefinite**
 C2 users' proficiency in the language is illustrated by precision, appropriateness and fluency of expression. C2 candidates are capable of using the language for academic and advanced-level purposes.

*The above references serve as guidelines only and should be considered in conjunction with various factors.

Each level may be divided into a set of milestones with finer differentiation.
 Level A1.1 is a subdivision of Level A1.

What is the Common European Framework?



The Common European Framework provides a common basis for the elaboration of language syllabuses, curriculum guidelines, textbooks, examinations, etc. throughout Europe. The Framework also defines levels of proficiency which allow learners' progress to be measured at each stage of learning and on a life-long basis.

It describes in a comprehensive way what language learners have to learn in order to use a language for communication and what knowledge and skills they have to develop so as to be able to act effectively. The description also covers the cultural context in which a language is set.

Fees (Including UAT)

DELFL Prim (A1.1-A2)
DELFL Junior (A1-B2)
DELFL A1 & A2:
DELFL B1 & B2:
DALFL C1 & C2:
DELFL Pro:

Registration

In South Africa and Lesotho, the DELFL and DALFL examinations take place twice a year in April/May and October/November. Registrations are open 2 months before a session starts.

To enrol yourself, your child or to know the session dates, please contact your nearest examination centre, your child's French teacher, or go online on www.intofrench.org.

DELF Prim

The DELF Prim consists of 3 levels: A1.1, A1 and A2, corresponding to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

DELF Prim is intended for 7 to 12 year old children who are beginners in French as a Foreign Language.

Why should you encourage your child to take the DELF Prim?

It is an opportunity for your child to demonstrate French language skills, to be rewarded for work at school and to get used to sitting for exams in order to obtain certificates from the beginning of his French studies.

You will, therefore, accompany your child's progress and will prepare him for the different levels of the DELF all the way through his school career.

How does the examination take place?

During the assessment, your child's confidence is boosted.

A French teacher will be able to advise you as to the level for which your child should register.

The support material, with a strong focus on play, has been prepared by an illustrator of children's books.

The subjects chosen relate to the children's familiar environment, such as their family, leisure activities and school.



For more information: www.ciep.fr/en/delf-prim

DELFL Junior

The diploma delivered is identical to the standard DELF diploma. The junior version of DELF has the same basic structure as the standard DELF.

Only the topics are different, in that they take into account the interests of teenagers. The DELF Junior can only be taken by 13 to 18 year old students.

Students may sit for the exams in their own school provided an accredited examiner is on site. Teachers may not evaluate their own students.

DELFL Pro

DELFL Pro is the version of Delf which evaluates French communication skills of professionals aiming at a promotion and/or a posting within a French-speaking work environment.

DELFL Pro evaluates communicative competencies common to ordinary professional situations. The subjects are adapted to the work environment. This set of exams is recommended to evaluate and certify the competencies of all corporate students.

Sample papers

For more information and/or preparation for one of these diplomas, please contact your nearest examination centre or visit www.alliance.org.za. Books may be borrowed for training purposes.

For a description of examinations and for sample papers (subjects and sound recordings) please visit www.ciep.fr/en/delfdalf/



Examination centres

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