

Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) Frequently Asked Questions

What is the DELF Proficiency Exam?

The Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) is an internationally recognized test of French proficiency. It is based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), which defines language proficiency along six global levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, and C2. Students participating in the DELF exam as part of this opportunity will have the choice of completing an A2, B1 or B2 level exam.

At each level, proficiency is measured across four competencies: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The French Ministry of National Education based in Paris, France awards successful candidates a diploma that is valid for life.

The exam is:

- official acknowledgement of your child's French language skills;
- recognized in 160 countries;
- recognized by universities, employers and the Canadian Federal Government;
- valid for life; and
- an assessment that will help students set future language learning goals.

Who can participate in the exam process?

The exam is open to all students enrolled in a Grade 12 French course. Students in both the Extended and Core French program are eligible to participate.

When does the exam take place?

The exam dates are selected by CIEP, which is the Ministry of Education in France. Dates and times of the exam cannot be modified in any way. The dates and start times of the written exam are as follows:

- B2 – May 6th, 2019 at noon
- B1 – May 7th, 2019 at noon
- A2 – May 8th, 2019 at noon

Individual oral exam interviews for each level will be scheduled during the week of May 6-10, 2019.

Where does the exam take place?

The exam will be offered on-site at one of the following three locations:

1. Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre - Oshawa Campus – 650 King St. W. Unit 26, Oshawa
2. Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre – Ajax Campus – 458 Fairall St., Unit 7, Ajax
3. Archbishop Denis O' Connor Catholic Secondary School – 80 Mandrake, St. Ajax

Students will be informed of their location site in advance of the exam dates. **Transportation to and from the exam site is not provided.**

How do I register?

Registration forms are available at the school from the Grade 12 French teacher. In order to successfully choose the correct level of exam, students are strongly encouraged to discuss their options with their teacher. Forms will be collected at the school level by the Grade 12 French teacher and then submitted to the Board for processing. Payment of exam fees must be submitted at the time of registration in order to be eligible to participate in the exam.

What is the registration fee for the exam?

The registration fee for the exam is based on the level selected. For B1 and B2 level exams, the fee is \$130 and for an A2 level exam, the fee is \$75. All fees are payable at the time of completing the registration and are non-refundable. Cheques can be made payable to the school. Please check with your teacher if School Cash Online is an option for payment at your school.

What is the deadline to register?

Registration for the exam opens on February 20, 2019 and closes on March 6, 2019.

How will students be selected to participate in the exam process?

Limited spaces are available and are selected on a first-come, first-serve basis based on each secondary school and will be equitably distributed between the Extended French and Core French programs.

When will I be informed if I have been successful in registering?

Students will be informed in early April if they have been successful in the registration process. Information will be shared through the Grade 12 French teacher.

What is the passing grade for each level of the DELF exam?

The minimum passing grade for each exam (A2, B1 and B2) is 50/100. It is important to note that a score of less than 50% does not entitle the student to receive a DELF certification in the next lower DELF level. For this reason, choosing the appropriate levelled exam is an important factor to consider. Students are encouraged to speak to their French teacher for guidance in making this decision.

Do the oral and written exams happen on the same day?

The written exam must take place on the dates provided by CIEP (Ministry of Education in France). All efforts are made to have students complete the oral component of the exam on the same day however; some oral exams may need to be scheduled on days outside of this date. Students will be made aware of their scheduled times and dates for their oral and written exams prior to May 6, 2019.

When will I be informed if I have passed my exam and when will I receive my certificate?

Students will be informed before the end of the school year if they have been successful in passing their exam. Certificates are sent directly from France and will be mailed to students' home addresses in the fall. It is important that a clear mailing address is included on your registration form and that it is an address that will be valid for a minimum of eight months from the time of registering.

Where can I find online resources to support the DELF exam?

Online resources to support preparation for the oral and written parts of the exam can be found at the following website: <http://www.ciep.fr/delf-scolaire>