

## The DELF and the DALF Language Exams

**2020 Updated**

### What are the DELF and the DALF?

The **DELF Exam** (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) and **DALF** (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) designed by **France Education International** (formerly Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques), are official qualifications awarded by the French Ministry of Education certifying a level of fluency in French. Such certifications are useful for school records, as well as college and job applications in French-speaking countries. Scores are valid for life.

The DELF and DALF are composed of six independent diplomas that correspond to the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

CEFRL	DELF	User
<b>A1</b>	DELF A1	basic
<b>A2</b>	DELF A2	
<b>B1</b>	DELF B1	independent
<b>B2</b>	DELF B2	
<b>C1</b>	DALF C1	proficient
<b>C2</b>	DALF C2	

### Who can apply?

You can take the DELF/DALF if:

(a) You are a non-French student or professional and would like your French skills to be recognized for personal or professional purposes.

**OR**

(b) You are a French person living in a non-francophone country and would like your French skills to be recognized for personal or professional purposes.

## How does it work?

- **CEF Global Scale:**

<b>Proficient User</b>	<b>C2</b>	Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.
	<b>C1</b>	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.
<b>Independent User</b>	<b>B2</b>	Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
	<b>B1</b>	Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
<b>Basic User</b>	<b>A2</b>	Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.
	<b>A1</b>	Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

Each of these diplomas is independent. You can take the examination of your choice, according to your level.

For each level, four skills are evaluated: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The French Cultural Center offers *on demand* preparation courses as well as private instruction with certified jury for such exam.

### Where to register?

French Cultural Center

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[registration form](#)

Education Administrator:

617-912-0415

or [education@frenchculturalcenter.org](mailto:education@frenchculturalcenter.org)

Adult programs Manager:

617-912-0400 x432

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## What are the costs?

*Note: Exam fee is not refundable once registered.*

DELFL Junior & TP	DELFL PRIM
	<b>A1.1 \$110</b>
<b>A1 \$120</b>	<b>A1 \$120</b>
<b>A2 \$130</b>	<b>A2 \$130</b>
<b>B1 \$140</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>B2 \$170</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>C1 \$220</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>C2 \$220</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### DELFL for Public Schools ONLY

DELFL PRIM	DELFL Junior
<b>A1.1 \$50</b>	
<b>A1 \$60</b>	<b>A1 \$60</b>
<b>A2 \$65</b>	<b>A2 \$65</b>
<b>N/A</b>	<b>B1 \$70</b>
<b>N/A</b>	<b>B2 \$80</b>

### DELFL for Private Schools ONLY

DELFL Junior
<b>A1 \$80</b>
<b>A2 \$85</b>
<b>B1 \$100</b>
<b>B2 \$110</b>

### DELFL for Schools

More information at: <https://www.ciep.fr/en/delf-scolaire/index.php>

**When are the next sessions?**

**DEL F for Schools**

**Session 2020:** please contact first *French Cultural Center  
Alliance Française of Boston & Cambridge*

**DEL F PRIM**

*Registration period: March 22 – April 22, 2020*

<b>Exam</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>
DEL F Prim A1.1	May 6	12:00pm-12:45pm
DEL F Prim A1	May 7	12:00pm-1:20pm
DEL F Prim A2	May 8	12:00pm-1:40pm
Individual oral exam	<b>A1.1:</b> interview 15min <b>A1:</b> interview 15 min <b>A2:</b> interview 6-8 min	May 6 -19 May 6 -19 May 6 -19 Within ten business days of Written exam in the same month

**DEL F Prim (Children ages 8 to 12) to be offered May 6, 7 and 8, 2020:**

More information at: <http://www.ciep.fr/delf-prim/index.php>

### DELF Junior et Scolaire *public schools*

Registration period: February 8 – March 9, 2020

Exam	Duration	Dates	Time
<b>DELF</b>			
<i>Basic-Level User</i>			
DELF A1 (Written)	1 hr 20 min	March 23	12:00pm-1:20pm
DELF A2 (Written)	1 hr 40 min	March 24	12:00pm-1:40pm
Individual oral exam	A1: 17 min A2: 18 min	March 23-April 3 March 24-April 3	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month
<i>Independent User</i>			
DELF B1 (Written)	1 hr <b>55</b> min	March 25	12:00pm-1: <b>55</b> pm
DELF B2 (Written)	2 hrs 30 min	March 26	12:00pm-2:30pm
Individual oral exam	B1: preparation 10 min, interview 15 min B2: preparation 30 min, interview 20 min	March 25-April 3 March 26-April 3	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month

DELF Junior (Students ages 12 to 16) to be offered March 23 – March 26, 2020:

More information at: <http://www.ciep.fr/delf-junior/index.php>

### DELF Junior et Scolaire *private schools*

Registration period: April 18 – May 18, 2020

Exam	Duration	Dates	Time
<b>DELF</b>			
<i>Basic-Level User</i>			
DELF A1 (Written)	1 hr 20 min	June 1	12:30pm-1:50pm
DELF A2 (Written)	1 hr 40 min	June 2	12:30pm-2:10pm
Individual oral exam	A1: 17 min A2: 18 min	June 1-12 June 1-12	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month
<i>Independent User</i>			
DELF B1 (Written)	1 hr <b>55</b> min	June 3	12:30pm-2: <b>55</b> pm
DELF B2 (Written)	2 hrs 30 min	June 4	12:30pm-3:00pm
Individual oral exam	B1: preparation 10 min, interview 15 min B2: preparation 30 min, interview 20 min	June 1-12 June 1-12	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month

DELF Junior (Students ages 12 to 16) to be offered June 1 – June 4, 2020:

More information at: <http://www.ciep.fr/delf-junior/index.php>



## DELFP Tout Public

Registration period: May 1 – June 1, 2020

Exam	Duration	Dates	Time
<b>DELF TP</b>			
<i>Basic-Level User</i>			
DELF A1 (Written)	1 hr 20 min	June 15	12:00pm-1:20pm
DELF A2 (Written)	1 hr 40 min	June 15	12:00pm-1:40pm
Individual oral exam	A1: preparation in 10 min, interview 7 min A2: preparation 10 min, interview 8 min	June 15-26 June 15-26	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month
<i>Independent User</i>			
DELF B1 (Written)	1 hr 55 min	June 16	12:00pm-1:55pm
DELF B2 (Written)	2 hrs 30 min	June 17	12:00pm-2:30pm
Individual oral exam	B1: preparation 10 min, interview 15 min B2: preparation 30 min, interview 20 min	June 15-26 June 15-26	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month

DELF TP to be offered June 15- June 17, 2020:

More information at: <http://www.ciep.fr/delfdalf/presentation-delf.php>

## DELF Tout Public

Registration period: October 23 – November 23, 2020

Exam	Duration	Dates	Time
<b>DELF TP</b>			
<i>Basic-Level User</i>			
DELF A1 (Written)	1 hr 20 min	Dec 7	12:00pm-1:20pm
DELF A2 (Written)	1 hr 40 min	Dec 7	12:00pm-1:40pm
Individual oral exam	A1: preparation in 10 min, interview 7 min A2: preparation 10 min, interview 8 min	Dec 7-18 Dec 7-18	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month
<i>Independent User</i>			
DELF B1 (Written)	1 hr 55 min	Dec 8	12:00pm-1:55pm
DELF B2 (Written)	2 hrs 30 min	Dec 9	12:00pm-2:30pm
Individual oral exam	B1: preparation 10 min, interview 15 min B2: preparation 30 min, interview 20 min	Dec 7-18 Dec 7-18	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month

DELF TP to be offered December 7 – December 9, 2020:

More information at: <http://www.ciep.fr/delfdalf/presentation-delf.php>

## DALF

Registration period: May 1 – June 1, 2020

Exam	Duration	Dates	Time
<b>DALF</b>			
<i>Proficient User</i>			
DALF C1 (Written)	4 hrs	June 18	12:00pm-4:00pm
DALF C2 (Written)	3 hrs 30 min	June 19	12:00pm-3:30pm
Individual oral exam	<b>C1:</b> preparation 1hr, interview 30 min <b>C2:</b> preparation 1hr 30 min, interview 30 min	June 15-26 June 15-26	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month

**DALF to be offered June 18 and 19, 2020:**

More information at: <http://www.ciep.fr/en/delfdalf/DALF.php>

## DALF

Registration period: October 23 – November 23, 2020

Exam	Duration	Dates	Time
<b>DALF</b>			
<i>Proficient User</i>			
DALF C1 (Written)	4 hrs	Dec 10	12:00pm-4:00pm
DALF C2 (Written)	3 hrs 30 min	Dec 11	12:00pm-3:30pm
Individual oral exam	<b>C1:</b> preparation 1hr, interview 30 min <b>C2:</b> preparation 1hr 30 min, interview 30 min	Dec 7-18 Dec 7-18	Within ten days of Written exam in the same month

**DALF to be offered December 10 and 11, 2020:**

More information at: <http://www.ciep.fr/en/delfdalf/DALF.php>