

Correspondance between old and new DELF - DALF

Since Septembre 2005 the structure of the DELF exams has changed, adapting to a new European dimension.

Diplomas obtained before September 1st 2005 will remain valid and not be subject of change into a new diploma.

The independent DELF units obtained before September 1st 2005 will be acquired definitely and may be subject of transcript in one of the new diplomas according to the correspondances of the national DELF / DALF commission, as follows :

FORMER DELF - DALF			NEW DELF- DALF
DELF 1 st degree	DELF 2 nd degree	DALF	
A1			A1
A2			
A1 + A2			A2
A3			
A1 + A3			
A1 + A4			
A2 + A3			
A2 + A4			
A3 + A4			B1
	A5	B4	B2
	A6	B1	
	A6	B3	
		B1 + B4	C1
		B3 + B4	

Within the 2 years following September 1st 2005, interested candidates may make an official and written request for an equivalent rating to the "Bureau des Examens" of the Collège International de Cannes, 1 Rue du Dr. Pascal, 06400 Cannes - France ; candidates must provide the "attestations de réussite" (certifate of passed exam) and the detailed results.

The structure of the DELF exams

Structure of the examinations : A1	Duration	grade out of:
Oral comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on three or four very short recorded documents in relation with situations of daily life (each document is listened twice). Maximum duration of each document : 3 minutes	20 min. approx.	/25
Written comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on four or five written documents in relation with situations of daily life.	30 minutes	/25
Written composition Examination with two parts : - complete a sheet, a form - compose simple sentences (post cards, messages, lists...) on subjects of daily life	30 minutes	/25
Oral composition Examination with three parts : - directed conversation on a given subject - exchange of information - simulated dialogue.	5 to 7 min. preparation : 10 minutes	/25
total duration of the collective examinations : 1 hour 20 minutes Total grade out of 100 Minimum grade for obtaining the diploma : 50/100 Required grade per examination : 5/25		

Structure of the examinations : A2	Duration	grade out of
Oral comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on three or four short recorded documents in relation with situations of daily life (each document is listened twice). Maximum duration of each document : 5 minutes	25 min. approx	/25
Written comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on three or four written documents in relation with situations of daily life.	30 minutes	/25
Written composition Compose two short written documents (friendly letter or message) - describe personal events or experiences - write to invite, to thank, to request, to inform, to congratulate...	45 minutes	/25
Oral composition Examination with three parts : - directed conversation on a given subject - structured monologue - conversation within a given situation	6 to 8 min. preparation : 10 minutes	/25
total duration of the collective examinations : 1 hour 40 minutes Total grade out of 100 Minimum grade for obtaining the diploma : 50/100 Required grade per examination : 5/25		

Structure of the examinations : B1	Duration	grade out of
Oral comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on three recorded documents in relation with situations of daily life (each document is listened twice). Maximum duration of each document : 6 minutes	25 min. approx	/25
Written comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on two written documents : - extract the useful information from a text stressed on a specific question - analyse the content from a document of general interest.	35 minutes	/25
Written composition Express a personal attitude on a general theme (essai, mail, article...).	45 minutes	/25
Oral composition Examination with three parts : - directed conversation on a given subject - conversation within a given situation - express a point of view with help of a controversial document	15 min. approx. preparation : 10 minutes (only for the third part of the examination)	/25
total duration of the collective examinations : 1 hour 45 minutes Total grade out of 100 Minimum grade for obtaining the diploma : 50/100 Required grade per examination : 5/25		

Structure of the examinations : B2	Duration	grade out of
Oral comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on two recorded documents: - interview, news bulletin (listened only once) - informal lecture, conference, speech, documentary, radio or television broadcast (each document is listened twice). Maximum duration of each document : 8 minutes	30 minutes approx.	/25
Written comprehension Answer some questionnaires of comprehension, focused on two written documents: - informative text about France or a French-speaking country - argumentative text	1 hour	/25
Written composition take a personal and argued stand (participation in a debate, formal letter, critical article)	1 hour	/25
Oral composition Explain and defend a point of view with help of a controversial document	20 minutes approx. preparation : 30 minutes	/25
total duration of the collective examinations : 2 hours 30 minutes Total grade out of 100 Minimum grade for obtaining the diploma : 50/100 Required grade per examination : 5/25		