

WHERE TO TAKE THE EXAM

Exams are held at the Certifying Centres authorized by the Head Office. To find the centre closest to you, consult the list of locations on our website, or contact the PLIDA secretariat.

REGISTRATION FEES

For information on the individual exam registration fees, contact the Certifying Centre.

THE SYLLABUS

More detailed information on the PLIDA Certificate, its linguistic contents, and the exam procedure can be found in the "Guide to PLIDA Certification" (*Syllabus* for the Italian language), which may be requested from the Head Office in Rome, and which is also available at all the Certifying Centres.

PLIDA ONLINE

The complete list of the Certifying Centres, the Syllabus, and many other materials (admission test to verify the level of proficiency in Italian, drills, PLIDA trial exams from prior sessions) are also available online, on the PLIDA webpage: <http://www.ladante.it/plida/>.



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THE PLIDA CERTIFICATE

The PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri) certificate is an official diploma issued by the Società Dante Alighieri under an agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (no. 1903 of 4 November 1993) and with the scientific approval of the “La Sapienza” University of Rome (agreement of 29 June 2004). The PLIDA is also recognized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (decree of 18 October 2002) and by the Ministry of University and Research as a qualification for the facilitated university enrolment of foreign students (ref. no. 1906 of 9 October 2006). The PLIDA certificate attests proficiency in Italian as a foreign language on the basis of a 6-level scale: from level A1, the most elementary, documenting the ability to use Italian in everyday situations, to level C2, the most qualified, guaranteeing an expertise comparable to that of an educated mother-tongue speaker, and which can be used in all professional contexts.

THE LEVELS

The six PLIDA levels correspond to the six levels of language proficiency established by the Council of Europe in the *Common European Framework for Languages*:

BEGINNING ITALIAN	PLIDA A1	= A1 C.E.F. (Contact level)
	PLIDA A2	= A2 C.E.F. (Survival level)
FUNDAMENTAL ITALIAN	PLIDA B1	= B1 C.E.F. (Threshold level)
	PLIDA B2	= B2 C.E.F. (Progress level)
PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN	PLIDA C1	= C1 C.E.F. (Effectiveness level)
	PLIDA C2	= C2 C.E.F. (Mastery level)

TWO SPECIAL CERTIFICATES

The PLIDA also offers two special certificates: the PLIDA Juniores and the PLIDA Commerciale.

THE PLIDA JUNIORES, intended for young people from 13 to 18 years of age, has the same structure and validity as the normal PLIDA, but its tests are constructed using contexts close to young people’s experiences (school, sports, leisure time, etc.). PLIDA Juniores levels go from A1 to C1 and correspond to the first five levels of the *Framework*.

THE PLIDA COMMERCIALE is intended for those who study and use Italian in the business and finance world. This diploma certifies proficiency for three of the six levels envisaged by the *Framework*: B1, B2, and C1.



INTENDED RECIPIENTS

The three certificates are intended for speakers of mother tongues other than Italian: Each candidate may choose the level he feels is closest to his proficiency. Therefore, registration does not require having taken the tests corresponding to the lower levels. It is possible to take tests of more than one level during the same session.

EXAM STRUCTURE

The exam consists of four tests verifying basic language skills: *listening*, *reading*, *writing*, and *speaking*. The total length of the exam ranges from a minimum of 90 minutes for the first level to a maximum of 210 minutes for the last.

PASSING OF THE EXAM AND SCORES

The grading of each test is expressed in thirtieths. In order to pass the exam, it is necessary to achieve a passing grade (18/30) in each of the four skills. The minimum total score for passing the exam is thus 72/120, and the highest possible grade is 120/120. If the candidate passes in at least three of the four required skills, he may obtain a credit for registration for the following exam session and just take the test for the skill in which he had failed.

EXAM SESSIONS

The exams are scheduled on pre-established dates which are valid for all branches.

EXAM	SESSIONS	DEADLINE for registration
PLIDA	MAY	10 April
	NOVEMBER	10 October
PLIDA JUNIORES	JUNE	10 April
	OCTOBER	10 October
PLIDA COMMERCIALE	JUNE	10 May