

# **DELF (English version)**

Diplôme d'Études de Langue Française.



# What is it?

The DELF exams are six separate diplomas issued by the French Ministry for National Education to certify the French language skills. These diplomas are valid for life. DELF certificates are developed by the Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques (CIEP) and reflect the six levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

In 2017, the DELF examinations were available in 173 countries.

# The Levels

CECRL	DELFDALF	Utilisateur
C2	DALF C2	Expérimenté
C1	DALF C1	
B2	DELFDALF B2	Indépendant
B1	DELFDALF B1	
A2	DELFDALF A2	Élémentaire
A1	DELFDALF A1	

DELFDALF evaluate language skills in four areas:

- oral comprehension,
- oral expression,
- written comprehension,
- written expression.

# Why take the DELF exam?

Approved by a team of psychometricians specializing in evaluation, the DELF examinations are recognized around the world, they can add extra value to a resume. They are often used by administrative bodies, employers, and educational institutions.

In Canada, **more than 35,000 Canadians** have taken DELF exams over the past few years. As a result, the DELF examinations are becoming more well-known and receiving greater recognition from administrative organizations, employers, and educational institutions.

Obtaining the DELF B2 provides entrance language tests at several Canadian universities

# DELF for schools and junior

## **Levels and skills assessed:**

A1 to B2 – Oral and written comprehension and expression.

The DELF Junior and DELF for Schools (Delf Scolaire) includes both written and oral components, designed for middle and secondary school students (between the ages of 12 and 18).

**The DELF for Schools (Delf Scolaire)** is usually the result of an agreement between a public or private educational authority and the CIEP. It can be, to some extent, integrated into the school curriculum.

The DELF for Schools and DELF Junior examinations are identical, except for the circumstances in which each exam is taken.

# DELFL in CESD

Since 2014, our students in grades 8, 10 and 12 have written DELF exams in April each year. The school division targets the following years and levels:

Grade 8 - A2

Grade 10 - B1

Grade 12 - B2

That said, students in other grades can also write the exams as long as teachers are certain of their level of achievement. (Example: Grade 8 students writing the B1 exam, or Grade 9 students writing the A2 exam)

# Process

Students must decide (with suggestions from their teacher) in February / March if they will write the exam and what level. The DELF is an optional exam, not mandatory, for French Immersion students. Examinations are held annually in April in Red Deer. The school division does not cover transportation costs for students, this must be arranged with parents.

The DELF has 4 parts:

- Listening comprehension (CO)
- Oral production (PO)
- Written comprehension (CÉ)
- Written production (PÉ)

# Preparation by teachers

Teachers will prepare students with their DELF exams throughout the year or term.

Teachers will complete various activities as well as several practice exams.

Teachers can use practice books (available at IMC) and several online activities.

DELF activities can be used to enrich the FLA curriculum in all four areas.



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## Tips on how to do well on DELF

### 1 Général

**VOUS N'ÊTES PAS SUPPOSÉ(E) TOUT SAVOIR!**

Ne vous mettez pas la pression : un locuteur de niveau B2 doit savoir s'exprimer clairement et de manière précise et nuancée en français, mais on n'attend pas de vous que vous fassiez ZÉRO faute!

Préparez le DELF B2 sans stresser excessivement sur le niveau d'exigence

### 3 Compréhension écrite

**CONNAISSEZ LES TYPES DE QUESTIONS !**

- i QCM (3-4 propositions)
- i des réponses à rédiger
- i des explications à rédiger

### 5 Expression écrite

**CONNAISSEZ LES DIFFÉRENTS TYPES D'ÉCRIT, LEURS RÈGLES ET ORGANISEZ**

En plus:

- lisez bien la consigne
- respectez le nombre de mots demandés
- relisez-vous pour éviter les fautes d'inattention

### 2 Compréhension orale

**ENTRAÎNEZ-VOUS À LIRE VITE ET BIEN**

- 💡 lisez rapidement les questions avant l'écoute
- 💡 prenez des notes
- 💡 repérez les connecteurs logiques pour comprendre l'enchaînement des idées

### 4 Expression orale

**ORGANISEZ, ORGANISEZ ORGANISEZ !**

Pour parler pendant 20 minutes face à un examinateur, une seule solution : organisez ce que vous dites.

Faites toujours un plan pour:

- présenter le document PUIS
- donner votre avis et concluez

# Results

- Since 2014, more than 150 students have written their DELF exam with 100% success at levels A2, B1 and B2
- Several teachers in our school division have been trained as DELF examiners.
- Levels of achievement in the four language skills continue to improve

DELF A2 results		English equivalents	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Compréhension de l'oral	CO	listening	86.40%	80%	83%	94%
Compréhension de l'écrit	CÉ	reading	79%	89%	88%	88%
Production écrite	PÉ	writing	81%	82%	80%	83%
Production orale	PO	speaking	83%	78%	75%	85.20%