

DELE

Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera
Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language

What is DELE?

The Diplomas in Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE) are official qualifications certifying the degree of competence and mastery of Spanish, granted by Instituto Cervantes on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain.

The DELE examination provides for all the different variants of the Spanish language. They are all considered as valid to obtain the diploma.

The DELE examinations have been designed following the guidelines of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR) of the Council of Europe, which ensures a practical way of establishing a standard, international and objective measurement of the level that should be reached at each teaching stage, and in evaluating results.

The levels of the Diplomas in Spanish are integrated into the CEFR:

- Diploma in Spanish Level A1.
- Diploma in Spanish Level A2.
- Diploma in Spanish Level B1
- Diploma in Spanish Level B1 for Schools
- Diploma in Spanish Level B2
- Diploma in Spanish Level C1.
- Diploma in Spanish Level C2.

The DELE Diplomas are internationally recognized and enjoy great prestige not only among public and private educational institutions and authorities, but also in the business world and chambers of commerce. They constitute a guarantee in assessing and evaluating linguistic competence in the Spanish language.

In many countries, the DELE Diplomas have been adopted by educational authorities and accredited schools as a complement to their own evaluation systems. They are useful to facilitate promotion at work and access to education, both in Spain and in the other countries where the tests are taken.

What are the advantages for my school as a DELE center?

Individual schools which are DELE centers will be a natural attraction for parents searching for a curriculum range of depth and substance for their children.

The pupils themselves will benefit from an examination system which is linked to the European banding and which issues an internationally recognised language award as well as an important transferable life-skill.

Teaching staff can supplement their lessons by integrating the I.T. resources we provide as well as gaining from the Examiner training we provide.

Pupils' parents, pupils and the teaching staff will all benefit directly from the DELE provision, thus enhancing the school and its academic standing.

40% of the income from the DELE exam registration goes directly to the school.

What is the IC course for DELE Examiners?

The IC offers a choice of free courses for prospective examiners (e.g. experienced teachers from the school) either in person or on-line through a short but dedicated training module. All necessary training for official examiners will be provided by IC.

Who can I contact for what?

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