

Welcome to the Alliance Française de Bloemfontein

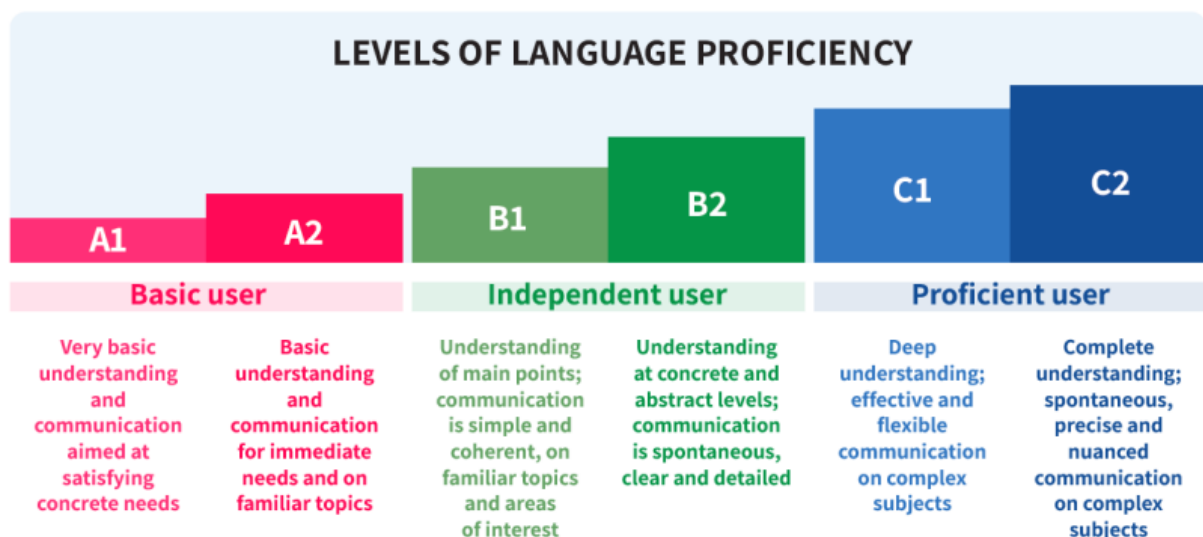
We are delighted that you're interested in our DELF and DALF examinations and excited to support you on your French-learning journey. This document is here to give you a clear and friendly overview of how the exams work, what each level involves, and what you can expect when preparing and writing your exam with us.

Our team is always happy to answer questions, offer guidance, and help you feel confident every step of the way. We hope this information makes your path toward achieving an internationally recognised French qualification both smooth and enjoyable.

1. What are DELF/DALF examinations?

The DELF/DALF exams assess French language proficiency across six levels, following the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) consists of levels A1, A2, B1, and B2, while the DALF (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) includes levels C1 and C2. Each level is independent, meaning candidates can choose to take any level without needing to have passed a lower level.

The Alliance Française de Bloemfontein is an accredited examination centre for the annual DELF/DALF examinations. Our classes have also been categorised according to these levels. If you would like to enrol for one of these examinations, please familiarise with your current level of French in order to prepare.



2. What you can do with each level

To help you better understand how each exam level can support your personal, academic, or professional goals, the following table outlines what you can do with each DELF and DALF qualification. Whether you're learning French for travel, work, study in France, or simply for the joy of it, each level represents a meaningful step forward. These internationally recognised diplomas open doors around the world, and we hope this overview helps you choose the level that best matches your ambitions.

Level	CEFR Level	What This Level Allows You to Do
DELF A1	A1	Handle basic everyday interactions (greetings, simple questions, personal information). Ideal for travel in French-speaking areas and demonstrating beginner competence.
DELF A2	A2	Communicate in routine tasks (shopping, directions, simple conversations). Useful for travel, basic workplace communication, and foundational French proficiency.
DELF B1	B1	Manage more detailed conversations, express opinions, and cope independently in most daily situations. Often required for jobs needing basic functional French.
DELF B2	B2	Communicate clearly and confidently on a wide range of topics. Accepted by most French universities for admission and valued by employers in francophone environments.
DALF C1	C1	Understand and produce complex, well-structured language. Suitable for studying at French universities without language support and for professional roles requiring strong communication skills.
DALF C2	C2	Use French with near-native fluency. Suitable for academic research, specialised professional fields, translation, teaching, and any context requiring expert-level language mastery.

3. Recommended learning hours per level

There are recommended learning hours to *reach* the level of French proficiency evaluated by each DELF/DALF exam. These are based on CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) estimates.

Recommended Hours per CEFR Level (for an average learner)

Exam Level	CEFR Level	Approx. Hours Needed to Reach Level*
DELF A1	A1	60–100 hours
DELF A2	A2	160–200 hours total (≈100 more after A1)
DELF B1	B1	350–400 hours total
DELF B2	B2	500–600 hours total
DALF C1	C1	700–800 hours total
DALF C2	C2	1000–1200+ hours total

**Actual time varies depending on the learner's language background, exposure to French, learning intensity, and personal aptitude.*

4. Competences and Exam Format: DELF & DALF Overview

To help you prepare confidently for your upcoming examination, the following overview explains the competences assessed at each DELF and DALF level, as well as the format of the different tests. Each level evaluates your ability to understand, speak, and write French in real-life situations, with tasks designed to match your stage of learning. This summary will give you a clear picture of what to expect on exam day and how each component contributes to your overall result.

Level	CEFR Level	Competences Assessed	Exam Components
DELF A1	A1	Basic understanding; simple interactions; familiar everyday expressions.	Listening (short, simple recordings), Reading (very simple texts), Writing (forms, short messages), Speaking (guided interview, simple role-play).
DELF A2	A2	Routine communication; simple tasks; descriptions of immediate needs.	Listening (short, everyday situations), Reading (simple notices, letters), Writing (short texts), Speaking (interview, role-play, information exchange).

DELFB1	B1	Independent communication; expressing opinions; handling most daily situations.	Listening (longer dialogues), Reading (articles, everyday texts), Writing (letters, descriptions, opinions), Speaking (interview, interactive task, presentation).
DELFB2	B2	Clear, detailed communication; strong argumentation; fluent interaction.	Listening (longer reports, interviews), Reading (complex texts), Writing (structured essays, arguments), Speaking (defending an opinion, formal discussion).
DALFC1	C1	Advanced comprehension; coherent, sophisticated speech; strong analytical skills.	Listening (long, complex audio), Reading (detailed and specialised texts), Writing (well-developed analysis or report), Speaking (presentation + discussion).
DALFC2	C2	Near-native mastery; precise, nuanced expression; handling highly complex material.	Listening & Reading (integrated analysis of multiple documents), Writing (synthesis and commentary), Speaking (presentation and defence based on documents).

5. Preliminary calendar: DELF/DALF Tout Public:

The following are the preliminary dates as determined by the Embassy for the DELF/DALF examinations in South Africa for the first semester of 2026. Please take note that these examinations will take place in person and is subject to timely payments and registration.

Level	Date
A1	13 April 2026
A2	14 April 2026
B1	15 April 2026
B2	16 April 2026
C1	17 April 2026
C2	17 April 2026

6. Contact details

If you have any questions or want to register for these exams, please contact the Alliance Française de Bloemfontein.

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