

DELE General Information

These diplomas certify the level of ability achieved by candidates regardless of where and when they have carried out their studies of Spanish. Diplomas certifying levels of competence in Spanish are valid indefinitely.

The examinations available at present are (in ascending order of difficulty):

- Diploma de Español (Nivel Inicial / Beginner Level)
- Diploma de Español (Nivel Intermedio / Intermediate Level)
- Diploma de Español (Nivel Superior / Proficiency Level)

Nivel Inicial / Beginner Level

This attests to sufficient linguistic ability for understanding and responding appropriately in most normal day-to-day situations and for expressing desires and needs in a basic way.

Nivel Intermedio / Intermediate Level

This validates sufficient linguistic ability to cope in average day-to-day situations in normal communicative circumstances, which do not require specialized use of the language.

Nivel Superior / Proficiency Level

This accredits the necessary linguistic competence to integrate in situations requiring an advanced use of the language and knowledge of the cultural customs embedded within it.

What is the DELE exam?

The examination for obtaining the DELEs (Inicial, Intermedio, and Superior) consists of five sections.

1. Reading comprehension
2. Written expression
3. Listening comprehension
4. Grammar and vocabulary
5. Oral expression

A grade of “no apto” (unsatisfactory) on any one of the sections constitutes failure of the entire exam. All five sections must be retaken at a future date.

Who recognizes the DELEs?

Over 100.000 people have taken the DELE exams in over eighty countries and two hundred and fifty cities throughout the world. The Diplomas are recognized by official institutions of Spanish-speaking countries and, increasingly, by corporations, chambers of commerce, and educational institutions in Europe and the United States. Several North American universities award course credit for the diplomas or require them of Spanish majors.

Examination Dates and Fees

In Chile, tests are given twice a year, in May and November.

Saturday, May 14, 2005

Register by April 1

Saturday, November 19, 2005

Register by October 1

Fees:

Diploma Inicial: \$60
Diploma Intermedio: \$70
Diploma Superior: \$80

How to register

1. Apply for a DELE Preparation Course. You will find links to the online and printable application form on the “Enrollment” page of this online brochure.
2. To complete your registration for the exam, you have to present or send us by mail or fax the following documents:
 1. Registration form.
 2. Photocopy of the current passport.
 3. Program and exam fees.

Test Results

If you want to check the result of your Test, please visit <http://diplomas.cervantes.es>
Remember that you are going to need your registration number and your date of birth.

Sample examination papers

There are several examination samples available on the Internet:

- Downloadable examination papers in facsimile format. Links to pages of examination materials organized by skills. Please visit <http://diplomas.cervantes.es>
- Interactive examination samples with scores. Please visit <http://cvc.cervantes.es/aula/dele>