

WHAT ARE CAPLE EXAMS?

CAPLE exams constitute the Evaluation and Certification System of Portuguese as a Foreign Language, which certifies the general communicative competence of young and adult speakers for whom Portuguese is a foreign language.

CAPLE exams take place three times a year (i.e. in May, July and November). They certify the following six levels of communicative competence in Portuguese:

Level	Exam	Certificate/Diploma
A1	ACESSO	Certificado Acesso ao Português
A2	CIPLÉ	Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira *
B1	DEPLE	Diploma Elementar de Português Língua Estrangeira *
B2	DIPLE	Diploma Intermédio de Português Língua Estrangeira *
C1	DAPLE	Diploma Avançado de Português Língua Estrangeira
C2	DUPLE	Diploma Universitário de Português Língua Estrangeira

* There is a school version of each of these exams aimed at a younger public. Detailed information about the school versions of the exams can be checked in <http://caple.lettras.ulisboa.pt>. The tuition fees and dates of the school versions of CIPLÉ, DEPLE and DIPLE are the same as those for the non-school versions (available only in May).

WHAT DOES EACH EXAM CERTIFY?

ACESSO It certifies that the speaker is capable of interacting in a very limited range of everyday communicative situations and satisfying the most basic needs of communication in private, public and professional domains.

CIPLÉ It certifies that the speaker is capable of interacting in a limited range of everyday communicative situations. In the professional and academic domains, the users are capable of interacting in situations that require a limited level of proficiency in Portuguese.

DEPLE It certifies that the speaker is capable of interacting in a limited range of predictable everyday communicative situations in private, professional and educational contexts.

DIPLE It certifies that the learner is capable of interacting in a number of everyday work and study communicative situations that require mostly a predictable use of the language. This level allows the speaker to work in contexts where Portuguese is the language of work. In the context where Portuguese is simultaneously the language of work and the language of communication the speaker may still experience many difficulties. A certified DIPLE speaker may attend academic courses in contexts where Portuguese is the language of teaching.

DAPLE It certifies that the speaker is capable of interacting in a varied range of less predictable communicative situations in contexts where, for example, Portuguese is simultaneously the language of everyday communication, the language used at work and the language used in teaching. Some difficulties may still occur when the language is used idiomatically or contains cultural references.

DUPLE It certifies that the learner is capable of using the language in a creative and flexible way, adequately interacting in both predictable and unpredictable situations, namely in contexts where Portuguese is both the language of communication and the language used at work and education. The learner is capable of, for example, attending a university course in Portuguese or working in a country where Portuguese is the official language.

WHICH EXAMS CAN I APPLY FOR AT IPOR?

IPOR receives applications for all exams in any of the three international exam seasons: May, July and November.

HOW MUCH DOES EACH EXAM COST?

Exam		Cost
ACESSO	Certificado Acesso ao Português	42 EUR
CIPLÉ		
CIPLÉ - Escolar	Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira	72 EUR
DEPLE		
DEPLE - Escolar	Diploma Elementar de Português Língua Estrangeira	92 EUR
DIPLÉ		
DIPLÉ - Escolar	Diploma Intermédio de Português Língua Estrangeira	112 EUR
DAPLE	Diploma Avançado de Português Língua Estrangeira	127 EUR
DUPLE	Diploma Universitário de Português Língua Estrangeira	142 EUR

WHEN CAN I APPLY AND WHEN DO THE EXAMS TAKE PLACE?

Season	Application deadline	Days of the exams					
		ACESSO A1	DIPLÉ* B2	CIPLÉ* A2	DAPLE C1	DEPLE* B1	DUPLE C2
May (2101)	April 20	May 11		May 13		May 12	
July (2102)	June 22	July 13		July 15		July 14	
November (2103)	October 19	Nov. 9		Nov. 11		Nov. 10	

(*) – The school version of these exams is only available in May.

AT WHAT TIME DOES EACH COMPONENT OF THE EXAM TAKE PLACE?

(ALL SEASONS – SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION)

EXAM	COMPONENT (the names are given in Portuguese)	SCHEDULE	DURATION
A1 - ACESSO	Compreensão da Leitura e Produção e Interação Escritas	15h30 – 16h10	40mn
	Compreensão do Oral	16h20 – 16h45	25mn
	Produção e Interação Orais	*	10 - 15mn
A2 – CIPLE	Compreensão da Leitura e Produção e Interação Escritas	15h00 – 16h15	1h15mn
	Compreensão do Oral	16h30 – 17h00	30mn
	Produção e Interação Orais	*	10 – 15mn
B1 – DEPLE	Compreensão da Leitura	14h30 – 15h	30mn
	Produção e Interação Escritas	15h15 – 16h15	1h
	Compreensão do Oral	16h30 – 17h10	40mn
	Produção e Interação Orais	*	20mn
B2 – DIPLE	Compreensão da leitura	09h00 – 10h15	75mn
	Produção e Interação Escritas	10h30 – 11h45	75mn
	Compreensão do Oral	12h00 – 12h40	40mn
	Produção e Interação Orais	*	20mn
C1 – DAPLE	Compreensão da Leitura	09h00 – 10h30	90mn
	Produção e Interação Escritas	10h45 – 12h15	90mn
	Compreensão do Oral	12h30 – 13h10	40mn
	Produção e Interação Orais	*	20mn
C2 - DUPLÉ	Compreensão da leitura	09h00 – 11h00	120mn
	Produção e Interação Escritas	11h15 – 13h00	105mn
	Compreensão do Oral	14h00 – 14h40	40mn
	Produção e Interação Orais	*	20mn

*The information about the room and schedule for this component of the exam will be announced on the week before the exam.