

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	CIPLE	Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira *
B1	DEPLE	Diploma Elementar de Português Língua Estrangeira *
B2	DIPLÉ	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.letras.ulisboa.pt>. The tuition fees and dates of the school versions of CIPLE, DEPLE and DIPLÉ 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.

CIPLE 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.

DIPLÉ 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 DIPLÉ 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	45 EUR
CIPLE		
CIPLE - Escolar	Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira	75 EUR
DEPLE		
DEPLE - Escolar	Diploma Elementar de Português Língua Estrangeira	95 EUR
DIPL		
DIPL - Escolar	Diploma Intermédio de Português Língua Estrangeira	115 EUR
DAPLE	Diploma Avançado de Português Língua Estrangeira	130 EUR
DUPLE	Diploma Universitário de Português Língua Estrangeira	145 EUR

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

Season	Application deadline	Days of the exams					
		ACESSO A1	DIPL* B2	CIPLE* A2	DAPLE C1	DEPLE* B1	DUPLE C2
May (2301)	28-April-2023	May 16		May 18		May 17	
July (2302)	03-July-2023	July 18		July 20		July 19	
November (2303)	29-October-2023	Nov. 14		Nov. 16		Nov. 15	

(*) – 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 Oraís	*	10 - 15mn
A2 – CIPLE	Compreensão da Leitura e Produção e Interação Escritas	15h00 – 16h15	1h15mn
	Compreensão do Oral	16h30 – 17h00	30mn
	Produção e Interação Oraís	*	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 Oraís	*	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 Oraís	*	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 Oraís	*	25mn
C2 - DUPLE	Compreensão da leitura	09h00 – 11h00	120mn
	Produção e Interação Escritas	11h15 – 13h00	105mn
	Compreensão do Oral	14h00 – 14h40	40mn
	Produção e Interação Oraís	*	25mn

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