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# Greek Proficiency Examinations 2024

Εξετάσεις Ελληνομάθειας

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## Ellinomatheia Examinations

### Information

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This little booklet aims at providing you with most up to date information with regards to the Ellinomatheia Examinations. In the following pages we are trying to provide answers to various questions you may have concerning these examinations and certification. This because very often we receive many questions from parents asking us with regards to Ellinomatheia Examinations or Greek Language Proficiency Certification as known such as follows:

- What are these examinations?
- When is age appropriate for a child to sit these exams?
- Validity and Use of the certification?
- What level can a child sit the exams and which level of examination?
- What the costs are?
- Dates of Exams 2024 and Registration Procedure?

Ellinomatheia Examinations certification is highly accredited and valued as a certification both in Greece and in Europe. Children can sit these examinations alongside their GCSEs and their GCEs as each of these examinations are fit for their purpose and for each case is different.

All information in this booklet can be found in Greek Language on the website of the Centre of Greek Language Thessaloniki: <https://www.greek-language.gr/certification/node/94.html>

### Provider and Examining Board

The **Centre for the Greek Language** has been operating since 1994. It is a research institute situated in Thessaloniki. The Centre is administered and financed by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. It is co-supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture and Sports. These examinations are provided by the Examining Board: The Hellenic Education Center. The Hellenic Education Center has a long and successful tradition in the Ellinomatheia Exams. By successfully passing the Exams, the student receives a certificate that proves the level of proficiency in the Greek language. The examinations are coming from Greece-from Thessaloniki and they are taking place in different countries around the world and the completed papers are sent to Greece, are marked and certificates are issued from the Hellenic Education Centre.

### Appropriate Age

Children can sit Ellinomatheia examinations starting from the ages of 8 years old, although as a school we advise parents to start thinking of these exams from around the age of 9. We do not accept children younger than 8 years old.

Depending on the age and level of Greek language acquisition children can sit levels A1 and move on to next levels up as they progress.



## Validity and Uses of Certification

The certificate of proficiency in Greek is needed: for the objective and specific evaluation of knowledge in the Greek language as a foreign/second enables the user of Greek to have the opinion of a more specific and objective judge for his level of knowledge

### → For Business Purposes

proves the level of competence of the holder of this certificate in Greek

is considered a prerequisite for practicing various professions in Greece. For example in p.d. 38/2010 which constitutes the incorporation of Directive 2005/36 / EC and specifically Article 52 (Article 53 of the Directive) states that language skills in the Greek language are necessary for the license to practice a profession based on the recognition of the professional qualifications of the beneficiaries. Every beneficiary of professional qualifications for practicing a profession in our country must certify, according to the profession he wants to practice, the necessary Greek learning. The required level of Greek learning is set by the relevant body and information on the exact forecasts is expected.

### → for studies

gives the possibility to foreign born Greek students/ or foreigners who hold a B2 level certificate to enrol in a Greek higher education institution (according to the Minister of Labour Decisions Φ152 / B6 /1504 / 30-5-2001-Government Gazette 659T. ΒΔ).

Anyone wishing to study at a Greek or Greek-speaking institution of higher or higher education must contact the institution where he wishes to study and be informed about the level of Greek required for the course he wants to attend.

### → For appointment in any Greek State job

The certificate Γ1 level enables a European citizen, member state of the European Union, to prove the very good knowledge and comfortable use of the Greek language in case he wishes to claim a position in the Greek state (according to article 4 of the Civil Service Code (Law 3528/2007) citizens of the member states of the European Union who are allowed to be appointed to positions which do not fall under the exception of par. 4 of article 39 of the Civil Code, in accordance with the provisions for them in a special law).

**In addition, they need to certify their knowledge of Greek for public appointment:**

- foreign nationals of non-EU Member States, for whom appointment is permitted only in the cases provided for by special laws,
- those who wish to acquire Greek citizenship by naturalization and
- foreign expatriates.

### → for the issuance of a "long-term resident" residence permit

the Centre for the Greek Language (K.E.Γ. onwards). collaborates with the General Secretariat of Lifelong Learning of the Ministry of Education for the certification of Greek learning at level A2 (old A). Those interested are also examined in the knowledge of elements of Greek history and Greek culture. Those interested can contact the General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning for more information. For general information: <http://www.gsae.edu.gr/en/geniki-ekpaidefsi-enilikon/ellinomatheia/mathe-gia-tin-ellinomatheia>



## Levels and Appropriate level for Candidates

Candidates can take any of the following levels:

### A1 A2 B1 B2 Γ1 Γ2

All examinations are evaluating candidate's levels in all strands of language:

- Speaking
- Listening and Responding
- Reading and Understanding
- Writing

<b>A1</b>	<p><b>Foundation Knowledge</b></p> <p>There are two types for this examination one is for children ages 8-12 and one for Teenagers and Adults ages 13 and above</p> <p>This level is a basic level and evaluates the functional skills of candidates both in communication and in linguistic accuracy</p>
<b>A2</b>	<p><b>Basic Language Knowledge</b></p> <p>At this level the candidate must have the basic communication skills, ie be able to use the Greek language in spoken and written language, formal or friendly, to meet daily needs and communication situations. Must be able to understand sentences and expressions that occur frequently and are related to personal and family information, shopping, entertainment, etc. Must be able to communicate using basic language skills in everyday situations / situations, which require simple and direct exchange of information around from familiar topics. They should also be able to exchange information on familiar, routine or urgent matters.</p>
<b>B1</b>	<p><b>Moderate Acquisition</b></p> <p>The candidate must have the ability to respond linguistically to situations of direct daily transactions for which the use of the Greek language is largely stable, predictable and repetitive. During the transactions the speakers create and maintain social and professional contacts. In situations of indirect communication, speakers need to be able to understand the substance and some details of an oral or written text.</p>
<b>B2</b>	<p><b>Good Knowledge</b></p> <p>The candidate must have the ability to use the Greek language fluently and spontaneously, so that his communication with native speakers is done without pressure and difficulty. He must be able to understand the main ideas on specific but also abstract topics and also handle more technical issues that belong to his area of expertise. Must produce speech clearly and in detail on a wide range of topics and explain a point of view on a topic, presenting the pros and cons of different options.</p>
<b>Γ1</b>	<p><b>Very Good Knowledge</b></p> <p>The candidate must have the ability to use the Greek language fluently and spontaneously, so that his communication with native speakers is done without pressure and difficulty. He must be able to understand the main ideas on specific but also abstract topics and also handle more technical issues that belong to his area of expertise. Must produce speech clearly and in detail on a wide range of topics and explain a point of view on a topic, presenting the pros and cons of different options.</p>
<b>Γ2</b>	<p><b>Oustanding Knowledge</b></p> <p>The candidate at this level must be able to respond to the communication needs of any occasion, whether it is a hearing where there is interference, distortion, ambient noise and even a special accent of the (interlocutors), whether it is a comprehension of poor printing or difficult graphics character. Therefore, he is expected to be able to easily understand almost everything he hears or reads, including elements of colloquial, funny and cultural references. Must also be able to handle all sources of information, oral or written, comfortably and reliably, so that he can summarize, reconstruct arguments and descriptions, thus creating coherent presentations, and effectively handle any written or oral subject spontaneously. expression and great comfort and precision, distinguishing subtle semantic nuances even in very complex circumstances.</p>

Candidates depending on their level can sit any of the above levels. For younger candidates is best to start taking these examinations from A1. A1 level exams are modified in order to age appropriate and suitable for younger candidates and teenage or adult candidates

**Further information on these examinations level can be found in Greek by clicking on the following link:**

<http://www.greek-language.gr/certification/application/index.html>



## Dates for Examinations and Registration Procedure

Levels	Dates of Examinations	Mode of Exam
<b>A1</b> (children ages 8-12)	Tuesday, 14 May 2024 <i>(morning)</i>	Written
<b>A1</b> (Teenagers & Adults)	Tuesday, 14 May 2024 <i>(morning)</i>	Written
<b>A2</b>	Tuesday, 14 May 2024 <i>(noon)</i>	Written
<b>B2</b>	Wednesday, 15 May 2024 <i>(morning)</i>	Written
<b>Γ1</b>	Wednesday, 15 May 2024 <i>(afternoon)</i>	Written
<b>B1</b>	Thursday, 16 May 2024 <i>(morning)</i>	Written
<b>Γ2</b>	Thursday, 16 May 2024 <i>(afternoon)</i>	Written
<b>Registrations</b>	From 1 <sup>st</sup> February- 20 March 2024	

All Exams start at 10:00

Candidates need to be at the centre 30 minutes prior to the starting time of the examination

For the registration to these examinations, you need to complete your application and send it to Mrs Magda Koufomeriti at:

[Koufomeriti.m@greeksat.org.uk](mailto:Koufomeriti.m@greeksat.org.uk)

You can also contact:

Mrs Magda Koufomeriti on 07928555345 or Dr S Tryfonos on 07403336121

**Registration Deadline: 20th March 2024**

## FEES & PAYMENT:

**Our Centre Fees the Examinations Series for summer 2024 are as follows:**

- **£100 (Levels A1-B1)**
- **£110 (Levels B2-Γ2).**

The Hellenic Education Centre which is the examining Board for these examinations allows centres to set their own fee depending on the country and costs for running these examinations. Therefore, the cost that is on the Greek website may differ from country to country and from centre to centre. Our Centre accepts candidates only on the basis of the above decided fees.

**Payments must be sent in advance to the account of the Greek School of Ayia Triada**

**Bank Account: THE GREEK SCHOOL OF AYIA TRIADA, ACCOUNT No:**

**45920011, Sort Code: 23-05-80 IBAN: GB17MYMB23058045920011**

**We cannot accept registration without confirmation of payment. Also, in case of no payment of registration candidates will not be permitted to sit the examinations**