

Relevant information about Italian language test

When does it take place?

Italian language tests are held online in synchronous mode. They take place on the following dates (candidates can choose just one date):

- 5 July 2021 (the time will be announced via e-mail by 1 July 2021)
- 23 August 2021 (the time will be announced via e-mail by 19 August 2021)
- 4 October 2021 (the time will be announced via e-mail by 30 September 2021)

Candidates who already have an official B2 Italian language certificate don't need to take the test.

The access link for the written test will be sent by email to each candidate two days in advance. The candidates have to connect to the platform at least 20 minutes before the test beginning. This time frame allows to carry out the identification operations and verification of the environments in which the candidate will perform the test.

How is it organized?

The test is made of two parts: a written part and, only if necessary, an oral part.

The written part is held online through the University of Parma's e-learning platform <https://elly2020.vpi.unipr.it/course/view.php?id=37>. It lasts about 90 minutes and it is organized in three sections:

- Listening (30 points). In this section candidates listen to two oral texts that last around 2 minutes each. The first recording is a conversation between two speakers, the second one is a lecture or talk of general academic interest such as a university lecture.
- Use of language (vocabulary, grammar and linking words) (35 points).
- Reading (35 points). In this section candidates are asked to read and understand a few short texts (such as notices, signs, messages) and an academic text.

The total score for the written part is 100 points. The minimum passing score is 75 points. Candidates who don't pass the written test must take the oral test, which lasts around 10/15 minutes per candidate. Examiners ask general questions as well as questions regarding topics of various kinds. Examiners communicate the exact time of the oral test after completing the written test.

Candidates who pass the written test don't need to take the oral test.

What does the candidate need to take the test?

In order to take the test candidates must:

- have an identity document;
- have a mobile phone and a computer both connected to the Internet;
- download Microsoft Teams on both devices (computer and mobile phone);
- be in a quiet place in which there are no other people present;
- have a good Internet connection;
- use earphones, if possible.

In order to take the test in a peaceful and undisturbed way, candidates are asked to download Microsoft Teams on both their devices (computer and mobile phone) well in advance, checking its proper functioning.

Warning!

In order to take the written test, candidates must be equipped with two devices:

- a mobile phone (or another device) connected to Microsoft Teams platform; the mobile phone must be placed in such a way as to frame the candidate, the keyboard and the computer screen;
- a computer, equipped with camera, microphone, and speakers, connected to the University of Parma's e-learning platform (<https://elly2020.vpi.unipr.it/course/view.php?id=37>).

Differently, the candidate is excluded from the written test.

In order to take the oral test candidates need just one device (a computer or a mobile phone).

If a candidate has an ethically incorrect behavior and/or doesn't respect the rules during the examination, his/her test is canceled.

Where to enroll?

Candidates can enroll through the University of Parma's e-learning platform (<https://elly2020.vpi.unipr.it/course/view.php?id=37>, in the section "Italian Language Test Reservation").

Where to find test results?

Test results are published on the University of Parma's e-learning platform (<https://elly2020.vpi.unipr.it/course/view.php?id=37>). In order to respect their privacy, candidates are identified through their identification document number (passport or other).

What to do after the Italian language test?

Candidates admitted with a “conditional pass”* must get in contact with Giovanna Pelizza (giovanna.pelizza@unipr.it) as soon as possible.

For further information and updates on the University of Parma’s Italian language courses please refer to <https://dusic.unipr.it/it/didattica/corsi-di-lingua-italiana-stranieri>.

** “Conditional pass” means that the committee will require the candidate to remedy his/her language gaps exhibited during the test, by acquiring an agreed number of credits (CFU) in Italian language. Conditions will vary by candidate.*