

Italian Certification Information Pack

CELI Certification of Italian language

What is CELI?

The CELI exam is one of the most widely recognised certificates for learners of Italian.

It is issued by the University for Foreigners, Perugia and recognised by the Italian Department of Education and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

There are five CELI exams for adults - CELI 1, CELI 2, CELI 3, CELI 4, and CELI 5, which test general Italian language ability. CELI *Adolescenti* is available only for CELI levels 1, 2 & 3.

The levels are linked to the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE) and to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Why take the CELI exam?

The CELI examination is recognised by employers, universities and government organisations throughout the world.

Passing a CELI exam can help you gain entrance to a university or college, improve your job prospects and measure your progress in Italian.

CELI qualifications are recognised at different levels by Italian Ministry and Government organisations for many purposes, such as the recruitment of government officials and for training teachers in the State School sector.

The CELI level 3 exam is an entrance requirement for all non-Italian students who would like to enrol in an Italian university.

When are the exams held?

The CELI exams are held three times a year at Co.As.It. and we offer preparatory courses for each level of the CELI examination.

Dates of exams are as follows:

2026 Exam Dates	Deadline for Enrolment and Payment
11 March (CELI Impatto , 1, 2, 3)	09 February
10 June (CELI Impatto , 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	04 May
11 November (CELI Impatto , 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	05 October

CELI Levels

Co.As.It. levels	Corresponding CELI levels
A2.3	CELI 1 - An elementary level exam, testing your ability to deal with basic written and spoken communications.
B1.4	CELI 2 - An intermediate level exam, testing your ability to cope with everyday written and spoken communications.
B2.5	CELI 3 - An upper intermediate level exam - ideal if you can deal confidently with a range of written and spoken communications.
C1.6	CELI 4 - An advanced exam - if you can communicate with confidence in Italian for work or study purposes, this is the exam for you.
C2.4	CELI 5 - A very advanced level exam - perfect if you have achieved a high level of language skills and are able to function effectively in almost any Italian-speaking context.

How is the exam structured?

The exam tests all four language competencies: speaking, writing, listening and reading.

The duration of the exam varies according to the level ranging from one hour and a half, for the CELI 1, to four hours and forty-five minutes for the CELI 5.

Certification required for Italian Citizenship

From 4th December 2018, all applicants for Italian Citizenship need to demonstrate knowledge of the Italian language equal to, or greater than level B1, as established by the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Proof of knowledge is accepted in the form of an official certificate from an approved Italian examination centre.

Co.As.It. Sydney is a long-established approved Italian examination centre in partnership with the University for Foreigners of Perugia, and can assist you in obtaining CELI, an official certificate which demonstrates your knowledge of the Italian language.

The CELI 2 (B1 level) is the minimum level required for Italian citizenship. The CELI 2 exam has four components:

Component	Description	Time allowed	Weighting
Comprehension of written texts	- pairing activities - multiple choice - cloze activities	2 hours	25%
Production of written texts	- completing a form (form, questionnaire) - 1 announcement - 1 letter		25%
Comprehension of oral texts	- pairing activities - multiple choice	20 minutes	25%
Oral production	- conversation	15 minutes	25%

When are exam results published?

Once you have completed the exam, papers are sent to the University for Foreigners of Perugia in Italy for marking. The timeframe varies, but the University can take up to 3 months to publish results and send certificates.

Fees and conditions of enrolment

- The CELI enrolment fee (\$330) is payable in advance to the University for Foreigners of Perugia. The University does not provide refunds. No responsibility will be taken for changes to students' personal circumstances that prevent attendance.
- The exam fee can be paid by cash, cheque or credit card. In order to enrol for the exam please complete the enrolment form available on our website www.coasit.org.au by the deadlines included in our calendar.
- Payment and enrolment form must be received in order to confirm your admission to the exam.
- The exam dates are set by the University for Foreigners of Perugia and it is not possible to change the date of an exam. Should a serious medical condition prevent a student from attending the exam, a written request can be made to postpone the exam to the next available session together with evidence such as a detailed medical certificate. Such request together with all documents will be forwarded to the University for consideration. Co.As.It. cannot guarantee that the University for Foreigners of Perugia will accept it. The University's decision is final.

How do I enrol?

The price of the exam is **\$330** which can be paid by cash, cheque, money order or credit card. In order to enrol for the exam please complete the enrolment form available on our website www.coasit.org.au by the deadlines included in our calendar. Payment and enrolment form must be received in order to confirm your admission to the exam. Once enrolled in an exam, the University for Foreigners, Perugia does not refund fees received. No responsibility will be taken for changes to students' personal circumstances that prevent attendance.

CELI Examination Enrolment Form

Student Details

Please complete the following details – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Full Legal Name (Surname Capitalised) _____	
First name (no nickname) _____	Middle name _____
Surname _____	Sex M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of birth _____	City of birth _____
Country of birth _____	Nationality (maximum 1) _____
Address _____	
Suburb _____	Postcode _____
Email address _____	Contact N° _____

Exam dates and levels

Please indicate which exam session and level you would like to participate in:

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<input type="checkbox"/> CELI Impatto	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI Impatto	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI Impatto
<input type="checkbox"/> CELI 1	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI 1	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI 1
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	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI 4	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI 4
	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI 5	<input type="checkbox"/> CELI 5

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Payment Details

Please complete the section below with the appropriate payment details

CELI exam only = \$330	\$330	<input type="checkbox"/>
CELI exam = \$330 + 3 "one hour" Preparatory Sessions = \$305	\$635	<input type="checkbox"/>
CELI exam = \$330 + 5 "one hour" Preparatory Sessions = \$483	\$813	<input type="checkbox"/>
CELI exam = \$330 + 10 "one hour" Preparatory Sessions = \$903	\$1233	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pay by: ☐ Cash ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card number

Expiry date

Cardholder's name

Signature

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E-Mail enrolment form with payment details to **learning@coasit.org.au** or send via post to:

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