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1 DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) / DALF (Diplôme approfondi de langue française)

Do you want to study at a university in France or in another francophone country? Would you like to work in French in Europe? McGill University is the National Examination Centre in Quebec for official French language certification. Individuals interested in pursuing official recognition of their proficiency in French as a second or foreign language can attain the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) or the Diplôme approfondi de langue française (DALF) at McGill's School of Continuing Studies. Successful DELF and DALF candidates are exempt from writing entry-level language tests at all French universities, and both diplomas are recognized by the Council of Europe, by European employers, and by universities in other francophone countries.

2 Introduction

McGill University is the National Examination Centre in Quebec for the DELF and the DALF. The Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF), which has two levels, and the Diplôme approfondi de langue française (DALF) are given by the French Ministry of National Education to certify foreign candidates' skills in French. These diplomas are recognized by the Council of Europe and the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion.

The DALF certifies the ability to successfully study in a French or francophone university. It exempts candidates from entry-level language tests in French universities.

The quality of the DELF and DALF certifications is recognized by French and European employers. There are DELF-DALF examination centres in 130 countries.

All candidates wishing to sit the DELF and DALF examinations must register with the Examination Centre (Centre d'examens du Québec) at McGill University.

2.1 Location

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Website: www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/program/delf-dalf-certification

Note: Enter “DELF-DALF” in the subject line of your email.

3 Diplomas

These diplomas, issued by the Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale (France), are open to students learning French or anyone interested in receiving official certification of their proficiency in French as a second or foreign language. Passing the DALF eliminates the need to take entry-level language tests in all French universities.

DELF, level 1
The DELF, level 1, covers the acquisition of basic skills in French: the ability to communicate in normal, everyday situations.

2 units:
- A1
- A2

DELF, level 2
The DELF, level 2, covers the further development of these skills. It presents a general overview of French-speaking civilization (in France, Quebec, etc.) and an introduction to the specialized usage of French in a discipline of the candidate's choice.
2 units:
- B1
- B2

DALF
The DALF covers specialized usage of French in a discipline of the candidate's choice. It represents an advanced level of knowledge of the French language in general context as well as the ability to cover specialized topics.

2 units:
- C1
- C2

Conditions
The DELF is composed of four (4) units. The DALF is composed of two (2) units. You may obtain them separately in the country or countries of your choice. Each unit represents approximately 100 hours of study and is certified by a diploma. All marks are final and not subject to appeal.

You can undertake the different units at your own pace; you will retain credit for all units that you have passed. If you wish, you can spread your study of the units over several years, or you can attempt the examinations for several units in the same session (for example, the two units of the DELF, level 1). No previous diploma is required for a candidate to register for the DELF/DALF exams, and neither is proof of specific preparation or level.

Registration forms are available at [www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/program/delf-dalf-certification](http://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/program/delf-dalf-certification).

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Canada: DELF-DALF website: [delf-dalf.ambafrance-ca.org](http://delf-dalf.ambafrance-ca.org)


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