



## **The Centre for the Greek Language and the Certification of Attainment in Modern Greek**

The **Centre for the Greek Language (CGL)** was established in 1994 in Thessaloniki, Greece. It is a non-profit organization supervised by the Greek Ministry of Education. Some of the aims of the CGL are the overall support and promotion of the Greek language in Greece and abroad, the organization of teaching Greek to foreigners in Greece and abroad, the support to teachers of the Greek language in Greece and abroad and the production of all relevant materials that may contribute to the promotion and spread of the Greek language. A persisting request of all learners of Greek in Greece and abroad has been the establishment of an officially recognized state Certificate of Attainment in Greek.

The Ministerial Resolution B7/255/19-05-1998 (Government Gazette 530/01-06-1998) appointed the Centre for the Greek Language as the **exclusive official authority** responsible for the design and administration of Certificates of Attainment in Greek with the assistance of local authorities (exam centers). Finally, according to the Ministerial Resolution B7/144/06-04-1999 (Government Gazette 358/13-04-1999) the Centre for the Greek Language was appointed as the exclusive decision-making authority for all matters concerning the organization of the exams.

### **Examinations for the Attainment in Modern Greek for General Purposes**

The Certificate of Attainment in Greek was legally established by the Ministry of Education in November 1998 with the Presidential Decree 363/15-10-1998 as **the sole title of proficiency in Modern Greek valid worldwide**. The P.D. clearly defined the format of the Certificate, the requirements for its acquisition, the procedure and the structure of the exams, the conditions of participation in the exams, the grade scale and the procedure of establishment of exam centers.

The same P.D. assigned to the CGL the exclusive responsibility for the organization, planning, and administration of examinations for the Certification of Attainment in Modern Greek.

The following levels for the Examinations for Attainment for General Purposes are the following : A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2, and they are defined on the basis of the specifications set forth by the Council of Europe. All of the four language skills – comprehension of oral and written speech, production of oral and written speech – are examined at each level.



The time period for the examinations as well as the amount of examination fees are specified each year by CGL and they are common worldwide. Anyone wishing to participate in the examination must fill in the relevant application and pay the relevant examination fee.

For 2017, the examinations per level will take place as following :

Level	Level description	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages	2017 Examinations Fees	Dates of examination 2017
<b>A1</b> (children 8-12 years old)	<b>Elementary knowledge</b>	<b>Basic User</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>Tuesday, 16 May</b> (morning)
<b>A1</b> (students and adults)				<b>Tuesday, 16 May</b> (morning)
<b>A2</b> (12 years old and above)	<b>Basic knowledge</b>		<b>\$105</b>	<b>Tuesday, 16 May</b> (noon)
<b>B1</b>	<b>Intermediate knowledge</b>	<b>Independent user</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>Tuesday, 16 May</b> (afternoon)
<b>B2</b>	<b>Good knowledge</b>		<b>\$115</b>	<b>Wednesday 17 May</b> (morning)
<b>C1</b>	<b>Very Good knowledge</b>	<b>Proficient user</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>Wednesday 17 May</b> (afternoon)
<b>C2</b>	<b>Proficient knowledge</b>		<b>\$115</b>	<b>Thursday 18 May</b> (morning)
<b>Enrollment : from 1<sup>st</sup> of February until the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2017</b>				

The oral examinations will be held straight after the written.

### Applications and Certifications

Applications are submitted (and fees are paid) locally at each examination center authorized by the CGL. Each candidate may participate in the examination for more than one level, provided she/he has registered for each level. It is stressed that under no circumstances and for no reason whatsoever can the registration fee be refunded in case a candidate does not eventually participate in the examination. Moreover, under no circumstances can a candidate substitute for another candidate who does not wish to take the examination.

Along with their application, candidates must also fill in a questionnaire and submit a certified copy of some valid form of identification (ID card, passport, driver's license, etc.) to their examination center.



For a Certificate of Attainment in Greek to be issued, the candidate must pass all four skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing). In case they fail even one of them, they fail the whole examination. Detailed examination results are sent to the examination centers in late July. Detailed results indicate which skills have been passed or failed using the indication Pass or Fail. Candidates may be informed about their results at their examination centers only and not directly from the CGL. Certificates for the successful candidates are also sent to the examination centers by the end of October. Final assessment of successful candidates does not appear on certificates in numerical terms; only the following classifications are used: “Good”, “Very Good” or “Excellent”.

#### **The Certificate of Attainment in Greek :**

- provides any user of Greek with an expert and objective opinion of the level of their knowledge of Greek;
- serves as a proof of the successful candidate's level of attainment in Greek in the workmarket and academic environment;
- is a requirement for the practice of various professions in Greece;
- at Level B2 allows foreigners to register at a Greek institution of higher education, in case they do not have a Greek secondary education certificate (P.D. 138/9-7-1999).

**We wish you success in your exams!!**