



FINNISH NATIONAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**WOULD YOU LIKE AN
OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF
YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS?**



National Certificates of Language Proficiency in brief

- a language examination system based on legislation (Act 964/2004, Decrees 1163/2004; 1109/2011)
- tests intended for adults
- anyone can participate and demonstrate their language skills
- test tasks are related to practical situations and do not require command of any specialist terminology

Choice of 9 languages at 3 levels:

English
Finnish
French
German
Italian*
Russian
Saami
Spanish
Swedish

*basic and intermediate levels only



- Four skills assessed:
 - listening comprehension
 - reading comprehension
 - speaking
 - writing
- Test performances are assessed using a 6-step scale of skill levels, which is in line with the scale* used in the Common European Framework of Reference for language learning, teaching and assessment developed by the Council of Europe.
- The certificate provides diverse information on your skills:
 - separate assessment of the level attained in each skill
 - verbal explanations of skill levels.
- You can use the certificate:
 - to demonstrate language proficiency in a job application
 - to demonstrate language proficiency required for work assignments
 - as part of your studies
 - to demonstrate language proficiency required for acquisition of Finnish citizenship (Finnish and Swedish)
 - for your own pleasure.

* 1~A1
2~A2
3~B1
4~B2
5~C1
6~C2

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