



PORTUGUESE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE | CERTIFICATION EXAM

1. PORTUGUESE AT TESIS PORTUGAL

At TESIS Portugal, **Portuguese language** is a cornerstone of the curriculum. Students learn Portuguese either as a **First Language** or as **Portuguese as a Foreign Language (PFL)**. Teaching Portuguese as a Foreign Language begins in Kindergarten.

To assess each student's progress over the years, TESIS Portugal became, in the 2024/2025 academic year, a school that evaluates and certifies each student's level of Portuguese through a protocol with **CAPLE** (Center for Evaluation and Certification of Portuguese as a Foreign Language) at the Faculty of Letters of the University of Lisbon.



CAPLE Website

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CAPLE EXAM?

CAPLE is the only Portuguese entity responsible for evaluating and certifying written and oral competencies in Portuguese as a Foreign Language (PFL) for various purposes:

- ✓ Language level certification according to the **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)**;
- ✓ University admission in Portugal (B1 level required);
- ✓ Portuguese citizenship acquisition (A2 level required);
- ✓ Career advancement by enhancing résumés for professional progression.

TASIS Portugal serves as a testing center for these exams.



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3. WHICH EXAMS ARE AVAILABLE AT TESIS PORTUGAL?

At TESIS Portugal, CAPLE exams assess the language skills defined by the CEFR. The available exam versions are:

✓ **CIPLE — A2 Level**

(<https://caple.letras.ulisboa.pt/exame/2/ciple>)

✓ **DEPLE — B1 Level**

(<https://caple.letras.ulisboa.pt/exame/3/deple>)

CAPLE adheres to the quality standards of the ***Association of Language Testers in Europe*** ([ALTE](#)) in its assessment and certification practices.

4. I WANT TO REGISTER. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

You should access the CAPLE Guide for the current year (TESIS Portugal website), where you will find the conditions and steps to take to register for the exam.

Please note that in cases of withdrawal or absence on the exam day, the registration fee is non-refundable.

TO LEARN MORE

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