



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is an Italian Assessor Agency?

The Italian Assessor Agency (IAA) administers the Italian Language Subtest III portion of the Italian CSET on behalf of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). We can answer only questions related to this test. For questions related to the California Single Subject Credential, please refer to the official site of CCTC: www.ctc.ca.gov.

2. Who are the examiners?

Our examiners are highly qualified Italian teachers at the High School, College, and University level who have years of experience teaching Italian. Most of them are native speakers of Italian and all of them have been approved by the CCTC.

3. Who needs to take this Italian Language Subtest III?

This test is for all the Single Subject Credential candidates who wish to teach Italian and would like to establish core material competency by passing the Italian CSET.

4. What is the structure of the Italian Language Subtest III?

The ILT has the same format as the other Language Tests offered by CCTC with only small differences. Please check the file [Test Structure & Guide](#) on our website.

5. If I complete and pass this exam, will I have a teaching credential for Italian or are other exams necessary?

For the Italian Single Subject Credential you need:

- A B.A. with a Major in Italian
 - Pass the C-BEST exam and meet the US Constitution requirement.
 - A passing grade on our test and on the Cultural Test administered by Pearson on behalf of CCTC.
 - Complete a CTC approved Single Subject Credentialing Program
 - 150 hours of supervised teaching practice and the other educational requirements listed on California Commission on Teacher Credentialing web site at www.ctc.ca.gov.
- All inquiries about this topic should be directed to the CCTC.

6. Are all the exams administered by the Italian Assessor Agency?

No, see answer 5.

7. Is there a sequence in which the exams must be taken?

No. You can start at the beginning of this test or with the Cultural Test.

8. How long will the results be valid?

Five years.

9. When is the next test? How many are given each year?

The test is offered twice annually on a Saturday in November and in May in either Los Angeles or Sacramento. Please check our website, www.fondazione-italia.org for location and test dates.

10. Do you offer preparatory classes?

No.

11. Is there a course, book or website to help me prepare for the exam?

Unfortunately not. Please consult the following documents on our website, Test Overview; Test Sample; Test Structure & Guide to help you prepare.

12. When Can I apply?

We publish the application form on our website in February and July.

13. How many candidates can you admit to each Test?

In Los Angeles approximately 12 applicants can be accommodated. At the Sacramento center there is room for 16 candidates. All spaces are reserved on a "first come, first served" basis.

14. How long will the exam take?

The test takes approximately five hours. The Speaking section is the last one. If you are one of last in the Speaking section, it could last 6 hours. There is a 20-minute recess between the Writing section and the Speaking section for lunch. Because the test is administered on a Saturday, it is difficult to purchase food nearby, so we recommend that applicants bring their own lunches.

15. How many examiners are usually present for the oral portion of the exam?

Two, sometimes three.

16. If I fail any one portion of the exam, will I be able to repeat only the sections I failed or must I take the entire exam over?

The minimum score to pass the test is 220/300 points.

An applicant who scores lower than 220 points must retake the entire test.

17. When will I know my results?

We have 30 days to score your test but usually we correct the tests in a shorter period of time. You will be notified by e-mail if you pass or fail.

18. Can I log on your website to receive my score?

No. We administer The Italian Language Test on behalf of the "California Commission on Teacher Credentialing" on a voluntary base. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources for this.