

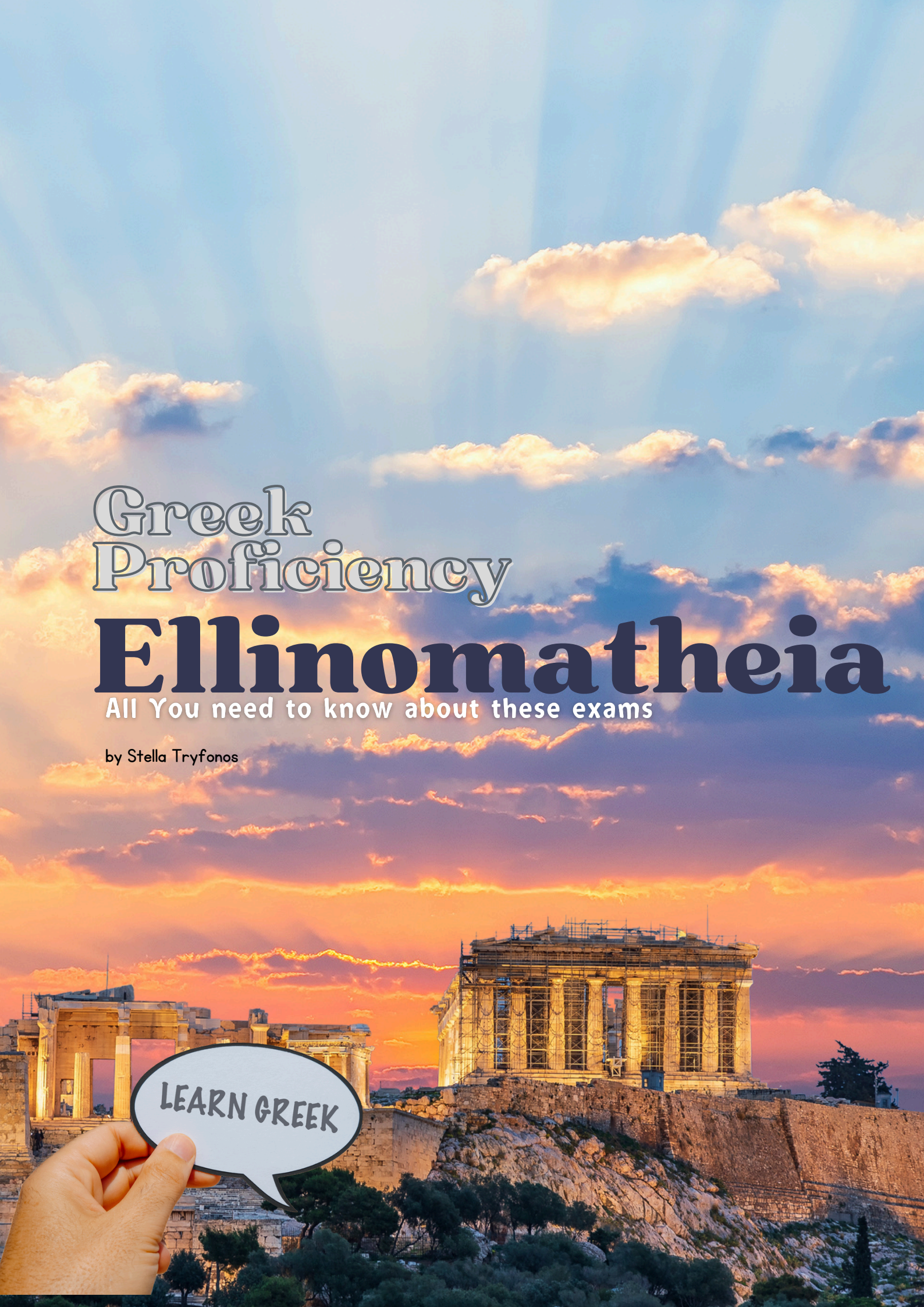
Greek  
Proficiency

# Ellinomatheia

All You need to know about these exams

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# Welcome

Welcome to the Ellinomatheia Examinations booklet, your comprehensive guide to understanding and navigating the Greek Language Proficiency Certification. This booklet is designed to provide you with the most up-to-date information on the Ellinomatheia Examinations, addressing common questions and concerns. Whether you're a parent, student, or educator, we aim to clarify various aspects of these exams to help you make informed decisions. We aim at answering some of the most frequently asked questions. Starting from the following six questions and then in the following pages you will find some key information about the Ellinomatheia, levels, learning, legislation around them and examinations procedure

- What are the Ellinomatheia Examinations? The Ellinomatheia Examinations are standardized tests designed to assess the proficiency of non-native speakers in the Greek language. They are recognized both in Greece and across Europe for their rigorous standards and comprehensive evaluation of language skills.
- At what age is it appropriate for a child to take these exams? Children can begin taking these exams at various stages of their education, typically starting from the age of eight. The appropriate age depends on the child's proficiency and readiness.
- How valid and useful is the certification? The Ellinomatheia certification is highly accredited and valued. It serves as a formal recognition of one's proficiency in Greek, beneficial for academic purposes, career opportunities, and personal enrichment.
- **At which levels can children take the exams, and what are these levels?** The exams are structured across several levels, from A1 (beginner) to C2 (mastery). These levels align with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), allowing children to progress in their language skills systematically.
- **What are the associated costs?** The costs vary depending on the level of the examination. Specific details on fees can be found within this booklet or by contacting the examination centers.
- **What are the dates for the 2025 exams, and how does one register?** Exam dates and registration procedures for 2025 are provided in the relevant sections of this booklet.



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## Importance of the Ellinomatheia Examinations

The Ellinomatheia Examinations play a crucial role in fostering language skills among young people. Here's why obtaining the certification is important:

- **Accreditation and Recognition:** The certification is recognized by educational institutions and employers across Europe, enhancing the holder's academic and professional profile.
- **Educational Milestone:** Taking these exams helps students set and achieve tangible goals, marking significant milestones in their language learning journey.
- **Cultural Connection:** For children of Greek heritage or those interested in Greek culture, mastering the language deepens their cultural understanding and personal connection to Greece.
- **Competitive Edge:** Proficiency in a second language is a valuable asset in today's globalized world, providing students with a competitive edge in future academic and career pursuits.

We encourage young learners to take advantage of the opportunity to earn the Ellinomatheia certification. The skills and recognition gained through these exams can open doors to numerous possibilities and enrich their educational experiences. For more detailed information on the Ellinomatheia Examinations, including registration deadlines, preparation tips, and level-specific guidance, please refer to the subsequent sections of this booklet.

## Provider and Examining Board

The Centre for the Greek Language has been operating since 1994. It is a research institute situated in Thessaloniki. The Centre is administered and financed by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. It is co-supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture and Sports. These examinations are provided by the Examining Board: The Hellenic Education Center. The Hellenic Education Center has a long and successful tradition in the Ellinomatheia Exams. By successfully passing the Exams, the student receives a certificate that proves the level of proficiency in the Greek language. The examinations are coming from Greece—from Thessaloniki and they are taking place in different countries around the world and the completed papers are sent to Greece, are marked and certificates are issued from the Hellenic Education Centre.

## Appropriate Age

Children can sit Ellinomatheia examinations starting from the ages of 8 years old, although as a school we advise parents to start thinking of these exams from around the age of 9. We do not accept children younger than 8 years old.

Depending on the age and level of Greek language acquisition children can sit levels A1 and move on to next levels up as they progress

## Validity and Uses of Certification

The certificate of proficiency in Greek is needed: for the objective and specific evaluation of knowledge in the Greek language as a foreign/second enables the user of Greek to have the opinion of a more specific and objective judge for his level of knowledge

- **For Business Purposes**

Proves the level of competence of the holder of this certificate in Greek is considered a prerequisite for practicing various professions in Greece. For example in p.d. 38/2010 which constitutes the incorporation of Directive 2005/36 / EC and specifically Article 52 (Article 53 of the Directive) states that language skills in the Greek language are necessary for the license to practice a profession based on the recognition of the professional qualifications of the beneficiaries. Every beneficiary of professional qualifications for practicing a profession in our country must certify, according to the profession he wants to practice, the necessary Greek learning. The required level of Greek learning is set by the relevant body and information on the exact forecasts is expected.

- **for studies**

gives the possibility to foreign born Greek students/ or foreigners who hold a B2 level certificate to enrol in a Greek higher education institution (according to the Minister of Labour Decisions Φ152 / B6 /1504 / 30-5-2001-Government Gazette 659T. ΒΔ).

Anyone wishing to study at a Greek or Greek-speaking institution of higher or higher education must contact the institution where he wishes to study and be informed about the level of Greek required for the course he wants to attend.

- **For appointment in any Greek State job**

The certificate Γ1 level enables a European citizen, member state of the European Union, to prove the very good knowledge and comfortable use of the Greek language in case he wishes to claim a position in the Greek state (according to article 4 of the Civil Service Code (Law 3528/2007) citizens of the member states of the European Union who are allowed to be appointed to positions which do not fall under the exception of par. 4 of article 39 of the Civil Code, in accordance with the provisions for them in a special law).

### **In addition, they need to certify their knowledge of Greek for public appointment:**

1. foreign nationals of non-EU Member States, for whom appointment is permitted only in the cases provided for by special laws,
2. those who wish to acquire Greek citizenship by naturalization and
3. foreign expatriates.

- **or the issuance of a "long-term resident" residence permit**

the Centre for the Greek Language (K.E.Γ. onwards). collaborates with the General Secretariat of Lifelong Learning of the Ministry of Education for the certification of Greek learning at level A2 (old A). Those interested are also examined in the knowledge of elements of Greek history and Greek culture. Those interested can contact the General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning for more information. For general information: <http://www.gsae.edu.gr/en/geniki-ekpaidefsi-enilikon/ellinomatheia/mathe-gia-tin-ellinomatheia>

## Levels and Appropriate Level of Certification

Candidates can take any of the following levels:

A1 A2 B1 B2 Γ1 Γ2

All examinations are evaluating candidate's levels in all strands of language:

- Speaking
- Listening and Responding
- Reading and Understanding
- Writing

<b>A1</b>	<p><b>Foundation Knowledge</b></p> <p>There are two types for this examination one is for children ages 8-12 and one for Teenagers and Adults ages 13 and above This level is a basic level and evaluates the functional skills of candidates both in communication and in linguistic accuracy</p>
<b>A2</b>	<p><b>Basic Language Knowledge</b></p> <p>At this level the candidate must have the basic communication skills, ie be able to use the Greek language in spoken and written language, formal or friendly, to meet daily needs and communication situations. Must be able to understand sentences and expressions that occur frequently and are related to personal and family information, shopping, entertainment, etc. Must be able to communicate using basic language skills in everyday situations / situations, which require simple and direct exchange of information around from familiar topics. They should also be able to exchange information on familiar, routine or urgent matters.</p>
<b>B1</b>	<p><b>Moderate Acquisition</b></p> <p>The candidate must have the ability to respond linguistically to situations of direct daily transactions for which the use of the Greek language is largely stable, predictable and repetitive. During the transactions the speakers create and maintain social and professional contacts. In situations of indirect communication, speakers need to be able to understand the substance and some details of an oral or written text</p>
<b>B2</b>	<p><b>Good Knowledge</b></p> <p>The candidate must have the ability to use the Greek language fluently and spontaneously, so that his communication with native speakers is done without pressure and difficulty. He must be able to understand the main ideas on specific but also abstract topics and also handle more technical issues that belong to his area of expertise. Must produce speech clearly and in detail on a wide range of topics and explain a point of view on a topic, presenting the pros and cons of different options.</p>
<b>Γ1</b>	<p><b>Very Good Knowledge</b></p> <p>The candidate must have the ability to use the Greek language fluently and spontaneously, so that his communication with native speakers is done without pressure and difficulty. He must be able to understand the main ideas on specific but also abstract topics and also handle more technical issues that belong to his area of expertise. Must produce speech clearly and in detail on a wide range of topics and explain a point of view on a topic, presenting the pros and cons of different options.</p>
<b>Γ2</b>	<p><b>Outstanding Knowledge</b></p> <p>The candidate at this level must be able to respond to the communication needs of any occasion, whether it is a hearing where there is interference, distortion, ambient noise and even a special accent of the (interlocutors), whether it is a comprehension of poor printing or difficult graphics character. Therefore, he is expected to be able to easily understand almost everything he hears or reads, including elements of colloquial, funny and cultural references. Must also be able to handle all sources of information, oral or written, comfortably and reliably, so that he can summarize, reconstruct arguments and descriptions, thus creating coherent presentations, and effectively handle any written or oral subject spontaneously. expression and great comfort and precision, distinguishing subtle semantic nuances even in very complex circumstances.</p>

Candidates depending on their level can sit any of the above levels. For younger candidates is best to start taking these examinations from A1. A1 level exams are modified in order to age appropriate and suitable for younger candidates and teenage or adult candidates

## Examination Dates

Επίπεδα	Ημερομηνίες	Εξετάσεις
A1 (για παιδιά 8-12)	Τρίτη 20 Μαΐου 2025 (πρωί)	γραπτές*
A1 (για εφήβους και ενηλίκους)	Τρίτη 20 Μαΐου 2025 (πρωί)	γραπτές*
A2	Τρίτη 20 Μαΐου 2025 (μεσημέρι)	γραπτές*
B2	Τετάρτη 21 Μαΐου 2025 (πρωί)	γραπτές*
Γ1	Τετάρτη 21 Μαΐου 2025 (απόγευμα)	γραπτές*
B1	Πέμπτη 22 Μαΐου 2025 (πρωί)	γραπτές*
Γ2	Πέμπτη 22 Μαΐου 2025 (απόγευμα)	γραπτές*
Εγγραφές	Από 1 Φεβρουαρίου έως 20 Μαρτίου 2025	

## Registration Procedure

For the registration to these examinations, you need to complete your application and send it to Mrs Magda Koufomeriti at:

[Koufomeriti.m@greeksat.org.uk](mailto:Koufomeriti.m@greeksat.org.uk)

### You can also contact

Mrs Magda Koufomeriti on 07928555345 or Dr S Tryfonos on 07403336121

Registration Deadline: 20th March 2025

### Payments:

Our Centre Fees for this Examinations for 2023 are as follows:

·£110 (Levels A1-B1)

·£120(Levels B2-Γ2).

The Hellenic Education Centre which is the examining Board for these examinations allows centres to set their own fee depending on the country and costs for running these examinations. Therefore, the cost that is on the Greek website may differ from country to country and from centre to centre

Payments must be sent in advance to the account of the Greek School of Ayia Triada  
Bank Account:

**THE GREEK SCHOOL OF AYIA TRIADA, ACCOUNT No: 45920011, Sort Code: 23-05-80 IBAN: GB17MYMB23058045920011**

*We cannot accept registration without confirmation of payment. Also, in case of no payment of registration candidates will not be permitted to sit the examinations*



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