

Standardized A2 language level test for immigrants applying for long-term residence permit in Veneto.

Immigrants who need a long-term permit to live in Italy are required to have at least the A2 level of Italian as a second language (DM 4/6/2010). If they have no international language certification, they need to sit and pass a language test. CPIAs, centres for adult education run by the state, have been entrusted with the task of delivering these tests (Accordo Quadro *Interno-MIUR* 11/11/2010).

In the Veneto region the Ufficio Scolastico Regionale (Regional Education Office) assumed organizational responsibility and coordination and constituted a working group to process the tests. The result of this work is the only example in Italy of standardized Italian A2 level tests for immigrants at a regional level and it represents an example of good practice.

With the permission of UCRIDA (Ufficio per il Coordinamento Regionale per l'Istruzione degli Adulti), the office for the regional coordination of adult education in the Veneto region, we propose an example of the tests processed, also available at the link www.edaveneto.it/category/test on the website www.edaveneto.it .

Almost 110,000 candidates have sat these tests since 2011.