



**Società Dante Alighieri
Sydney, Inc.**

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Dear Students and Friends,

We are very proud to announce that we have recently been endorsed by the Dante Alighieri - Rome as **Centro Certificatore**, that is, we have official authority to run PLIDA exams and preparatory courses.

We have since had a number of enquiries regarding the certification program.

PLIDA stands for PROGETTO LINGUA ITALIANA DANTE ALIGHIERI, it is a **Government approved program** of certification of Italian language proficiency developed by the Dante Alighieri Society - Rome.

PLIDA examinations take place twice yearly in May and November, worldwide, at dates set by the Dante Alighieri - Rome.

Examinations will be conducted at our premises, in Bathurst Street, Sydney.

A non-refundable fee is payable to sit the exam.

The PLIDA program closely follows the pattern of the Common European Framework for Languages (Quadro Comune Europeo) dividing learners into three broad categories:

A	=	Basic User
B	=	Independent User
C	=	Proficient User

These are further divided into six specific levels:

PLIDA		Common European Framework	
A1	Livello di contatto	A1	Breakthrough
A2	Livello di sopravvivenza	A2	Waystage
B1	Livello Soglia	B1	Threshold
B2	Livello Progresso	B2	Vantage
C1	Livello dell'efficacia	C1	Effective Operational Proficiency
C2	Livello della padronanza	C2	Mastery

The Dante Alighieri has developed a very detailed syllabus to address each level and we offer a specific program of instruction for anyone wishing to sit the Certification Exam, either as private tuition or in a small class setting. Please contact our office on 02 9283 0261 or e-mail: enquiries@dantealighieri.com.au for further details regarding times and costs. Past exams can be sighted on the Dante Alighieri website at: <http://www.ladante.it>

PLIDA methodology adopts a communicative approach based on practical activities ranging over various settings, from personal and family contexts in the lower levels, to highly specific communication for professionals in the more advanced. Each of the four basic abilities: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing is addressed and assessed separately. The length of the examinations varies according to the levels and goes from 90 minutes for A1 level to a max. 210 minutes for level C2.

Special Certifications - **Juniors** (for adolescents) and **Commercial** (more specific to the business fields) are also available

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