



St Petersburg State University and St Petersburg State University Language Testing Center

Saint Petersburg State University (SPbSU) was established in 1724 by Emperor Peter I and is the oldest university in Russia. The University provides a wide range of opportunities for foreigners who would like to get acquainted with Russian language and Russian culture and history.

For more than 20 years the Language Testing Center of St Petersburg State University has been organizing and conducting state testing in Russian as a foreign language (TRKI/TORFL).

The certificate issued by St Petersburg State University is the only official document confirming the level of proficiency in Russian as a foreign language in accordance with the Common European Framework of References (CEFR), both in Russia and abroad.

What is TRKI/TORFL?

This is a modern Russian language test for foreign citizens, which meets the best international quality standards. The TRKI/TORFL consists of 6 different examinations, from elementary (A1) to the fourth certification (C2) level.

These are 5 subtests or papers that test language competencies in various areas of language usage: "Writing", "Vocabulary and Grammar", "Reading", "Listening" and "Speaking".

Elementary level test (ELT)/A1. Successful completion of the test means that the candidate has a minimum level of knowledge of the Russian language, sufficient for a limited number of situations in everyday communication. The Elementary level certificate also suggests that the candidate has both sufficient and necessary knowledge to further study the language and achieve the next (Basic) level of general knowledge of the Russian language.

Basic level test (BLT)/A2. Successful completion of the test implies that the candidate has an initial level of knowledge of the Russian language, sufficient for basic communication needed in a limited number of situations in everyday and cultural spheres of communication. The basic level is the minimum base for engaging in any professional activity to a limited extent. **BLT** is the minimum level of knowledge of the Russian language which is required for entry into the citizenship of the Russian Federation.

First Level Test (TRKI-I)/B1. Successful completion of the test demonstrates that the candidate has an average level of Russian language proficiency, which allows the candidate to meet basic communication needs in everyday life, educational and professional spheres of communication in accordance with the state standard of Russian as a foreign language. The certificate of this level is required for admission to Russian higher education institutions. It also provides additional points for admission to St Petersburg State University for Bachelor Degree programs.

Second Level Test (TRKI-II)/B2. Successful completion of the test denotes that the candidate has sufficiently high level of proficiency in Russian, which allows the candidate to meet communicative needs in all areas of communication. The language competence of this level allows a person



conducting professional activities in Russian as a specialist in engineering, humanitarian and natural science fields. This certificate is required for obtaining Bachelor's or Master's degree. It also gives additional points for admission to St Petersburg State University Master's programs.

Third Level Test (TRKI-III)/C1. Successful completion of the test indicates that the candidate can conduct professional activities in Russian as a philologist, translator, editor, journalist, diplomat, manager, working in a Russian-speaking team.

Fourth level Test (TRKI-IV)/C2. Successful completion of the test signifies that the candidate has high level of proficiency in Russian comparable to the level of a native speaker. The availability of this certificate is necessary for obtaining Master's degree in philology, which entitles you to all types of teaching and research work in the field of the Russian language.

SPbU Testing Centers abroad

The exam is conducted in 100 centers in more than 40 countries from Argentina to Japan. Now you can test your level of language proficiency by taking the state examination in Russian as a foreign language (TRKI) at St Petersburg University without leaving your home!

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The certificate is recognized by more than 1000 organizations (including the UN), in the UK, Greece, Germany, Spain, Italy, China, Korea, Poland, Turkey, Switzerland and other countries. St. Petersburg State University is an affiliated member of ALTE.

Procedure for testing persons with disabilities

Candidates with disabilities, taking the Russian Language Test, are tested individually. Please contact trki@alphabeta.it

Materials for preparation

Training tests for preparation for the state test in Russian as a foreign language are available on the website of St Petersburg State University <https://testingcenter.spbu.ru/materials.html>.

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