



## Proof of knowledge of language and local culture

Beginning in 2023, non EU-citizens who are applying for the **provincial family allowance**, the **provincial family allowance plus** and the **provincial child allowance** have to prove both their oral competence in either German or Italian at A2 level (of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) and their knowledge of local society and culture (resolution 1182 of 20.12.19). Those applying for the **provincial child benefit 2023 from 1 September 2022** must be able to prove their language and cultural skills when they submit their application.

**Important:** Both the applicant and any cohabiting spouse/partner must meet these requirements.

### 1. Proof of language skills

German or Italian language skills can be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

- a) having successfully completed a language course at minimum A2 level with a recommendation for a follow-on course of at least B1 level,
- b) having successfully completed a school year at a German or Italian school,
- c) being enrolled at a German or Italian university,
- d) having passed an international language certificate in Italian or German or having passed the South Tyrolean A2 bilingual exam,
- e) having passed the Italian language exam for the long-term EU residence permit or for purposes of integration (after 2012),
- f) being registered for, or having passed, the German or Italian A2 level oral exam at the Office for Bilingualism and Trilingualism Examinations. Information on this is available from the Coordination Office for Integration ([koordinierung-integration@provinz.bz.it](mailto:koordinierung-integration@provinz.bz.it)),
- g) **Enrolling for a free German or Italian language course**

German and Italian courses for Non EU-citizens are free. Applicants need to attend at least 80 hours of a language course a year, proving an attendance rate of minimum 75% until they have successfully completed A2 level. Face-to-face language courses can be offered throughout the province by agreement with the further education organisations which offer them.

### Information and enrolment for the language courses

- **alpha beta piccadilly** (German and Italian): [info@alphabeta.it](mailto:info@alphabeta.it), tel.0471 978600, [www.alphabeta.it](http://www.alphabeta.it)
- **AZB** by Cooperform (German and Italian): [azb@cooperform.it](mailto:azb@cooperform.it), tel. 0471 970954, [www.cooperform.it](http://www.cooperform.it)



- **Centro di Studi e Ricerche "A.Palladio"** (Italian): info@upad.it, tel. 0471 933108, www.upad.it
- **Voltaire European Education Centre** (Italian): voltaire@voltaire-bz.it, tel. 0471 288003, [www.voltaire-bz.it](http://www.voltaire-bz.it)

## 2. Proof of cultural knowledge

Knowledge of South Tyrolean culture and society can be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

- a) having successfully completed a school year at a German or Italian school
- b) being enrolled at a German or Italian university,

### c) Enrolment on a free local society and culture course

Face-to-face local society and culture courses are offered throughout the province by agreement between municipalities and the further education organisations who offer the courses. These courses are free of charge, have a compulsory attendance of 100% and are divided into three modules of three hours each:

1<sup>st</sup> module: South Tyrol then and now

2<sup>nd</sup> module: European values

3<sup>rd</sup> module: Residence, health, education, work, free time

### Information and enrolment for local society and culture courses:

- **CLS** Consorzio Lavoratori Studenti (for Bozen/Bolzano, Salten-Schlern/Salto-Sciliar, Überetsch-Unterland/Oltradige-Bassa Atesina, Wipptal/Alta Valle Isarco, Eisacktal & Gröden/Valle Isarco & Val Gardena): cls@cls-bz.it, tel. 0471 288003, www.cls-bz.it
- **Urania Meran** (for Vinschgau/Val Venosta, Burggrafenamt/Burgraviato, Pustertal & Gadertal/Val Pusteria & Val Badia): info@urania-meran.it, tel. 0473 230219, urania-meran.it

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