



IMPORTANT DATES

November 16, 2019 - February 8, 2020

registration period

February 17, 2020 to February 24, 2020

late registration period (late registration fee is \$30 per order),

February 24, 2020

registration closes

March 1, 2020 - March 31, 2020
exam administration period

March 15, 2020

payments must reach AATI by this date otherwise students will be disqualified.

April 15-30, 2020

results are announced

AATI National Italian Exam

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NIE WEBSITE

<http://www.aati-mass.org/national-italian-exam.html>

- 1. AATI Membership.** In order for students to participate in this examination, teachers must be a member of the National AATI in good standing during the year in which the exam is taken.
- 2. Familiarize with Exam Categories and Levels.** If necessary, contact the NIE director to determine the exam level.
- 3. Familiarize with the Exam Format and Content.**
- 4. Consult the Administration Manual.** Before administering the National Italian Exam. Don't forget that students need access to a computer or tablet connected to the Internet.
- 5. Register Students on Quia.**
- 6. Pay Exam Order to AATI.** The cost per exam is \$8.00 per student and to pay your order for the AATI National Italian Exam.
- 7. Let your student practice the NIE.** To allow students to gain familiarity with the exam, Practice Exams that reflect the structure and functionality of the NIE are available on the [NIE website](#).



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The National Italian Exam is an official AATI national language contest held among middle and high school students. The NIE is not only as an assessment tool, which provides teachers and students with feedback and to help inform high school instruction and curricula, it is also as an opportunity for visibility and for promoting Italian programs in North American schools. The AATI is committed to offering an innovative exam that is aligned with the ACTFL Performance Descriptors and the 2012 ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, for this reason AATI encourages instructors of Italian to invite their students to participate in the National Italian Exam. Taking the NIE can also help them prepare for the official exams of Seal of Biliteracy, the SAT II and finally, will make them eligible for the [Società Onoraria Italica](#) scholarships.

With over 5,500 high school students of Italian taking



the exam every year nationwide, the NIE provides an excellent opportunity to highlight students' success. AATI offers an extensive regional and national prize program that consists of monetary prizes, study-trips to Italy, medals and certificates to award students of all different abilities and to celebrate their accomplishments.

Exam Levels

Th AATI NIE levels are defined as follows: **Novice Level, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5.** There are specific criteria to consider when selecting the appropriate exam level for our students. See [NIE website](#) for detailed information about exam levels.

Exam Categories

Considering the wide variety of students' language background and the impact that it might have on the exam results, the NIE presents a series of categories for each of the exam levels. The correct placement of students in the appropriate category is crucial to obtaining reliable and valid results. Teachers and test administrators are encouraged to verify the accuracy of students' placement and refer it to the exam director who may elect to verify. Whenever there are borderline cases, the teacher and the administrator will decide on the basis of good judgement and consistency or will contact the exam director.

CATEGORIES AND LEVELS

AWARDS

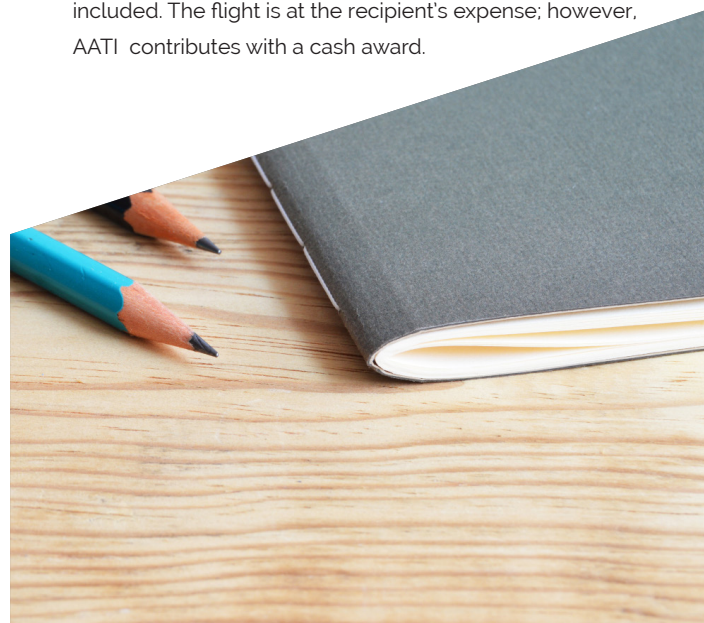
All students in all levels and categories will receive a medal, a prize and/or a certificate, according to a specific percentile. Each teacher will receive a Results Report that includes students' raw scores, as well as their percentile rankings, which will indicate the performance of an individual student.

Certificates: students who receive a percentile lower than 70% will be awarded a certificate of participation or of achievement.

Medals: students who rank above the 70% percentile will receive an AATI medal.

Monetary Prizes: the value and the criteria for the monetary prizes as well as the prizes assigned by the Società Onoraria Italica will be posted on the AATI website at a later stage.

Study in Italy Prize: our partner Italian language schools offer a generous scholarship program for the AATI National Italian Exam. Each scholarship consists of a 2-week course with accommodations and tuition expenses included. The flight is at the recipient's expense; however, AATI contributes with a cash award.



EXAM FORMAT

The exam is delivered electronically through the platform Quia and presents 6 levels. Each level (except for the Novice level which is comprised of 40 items) is comprised of 50 selected-response items (multiple choice, matching, and ordering) divided in an interpretive listening/viewing and an interpretive reading section with 25 questions each. The questions include a variety of authentic short audio /video segments and written texts followed by questions that elicit skills appropriate to each level of performance (ranging from recognition, main idea, text purpose and audience, to supporting details). Teachers can decide to administer the exam in one or in two separate sessions, according to their needs.

For more information on the typologies of the questions, the lexical domains and samples of performance, consult the specifications on the [NIE website](#).