ABC Pilot

GUIDE 2027

Estonian language exam in 2027

Dates for all four sessions, EIS registration, the format, exam day, results and appeals. Eight pages, one route.

A2 · B1 · B2 · C1 · CITIZENSHIP EXAM

4	40	60	€50
sessions a year	days to results	B1 pass mark of 100	third attempt from 2027

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The full guide on the site

abcpilot.eu/estonian-exam-dates

Free, no registration

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STEP 1

Choose your level and date

Four sessions and four levels. If you sit between A2 and B1, start with the free test: the wrong level costs you a quarter.

QUARTER	A2	B1	B2	C1	REGISTER BY
I	06.03.2027	07.03.2027	20.03.2027	21.03.2027	01.02.2027
II	15.05.2027	16.05.2027	29.05.2027	30.05.2027	01.04.2027
III	04.09.2027	05.09.2027	18.09.2027	19.09.2027	01.08.2027
IV	06.11.2027	07.11.2027	13.11.2027	14.11.2027	01.10.2027

The exact time and address arrive by email with your invitation. The written and the speaking part may fall on different days.

ONE QUARTER END TO END

01.02
EIS application for Q1

06–07.03
exam A2 and B1

+40 days
result in eesti.ee

Registration opens on 1 January

The first quarter closes on 1 February: for a March exam, apply in January. You can register for one exam at a time.

Not sure whether it is A2 or B1?

12 questions, no registration. The test shows which level you are closer to, so you do not prepare for the wrong exam.

Take the five-minute test →

Before the exam HARNO runs free consultations: no exam registration needed, start at 10:00, they run up to 4.5 hours. The online consultation gives the same content and materials. The schedule is on harno.ee.

STEP 2

B1 format: four parts

The exam tests four skills, not Estonian “in general”. The format does not change from session to session.

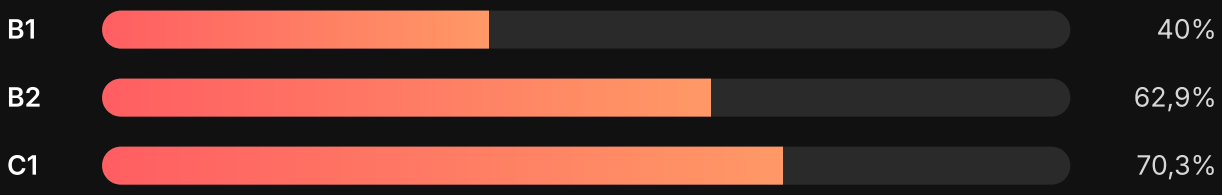
PART	WHAT YOU DO	TIME	POINTS
Writing	Two tasks: a form or message (~50 words) and a story or personal letter (~100 words)	35 min	25
Listening	Four tasks, 30 questions: pictures, A/B/C choice, short answers, true or false	30–35 min	25
Reading	Four tasks, 33 questions: notices, a long text, gap fill, letter bank	50 min	25
Speaking part	Talking from an idea map and exchanging information from cards	15 min	25

The breakdown uses B1: it is the most widely taken level and most readers are preparing for it. Other levels have the same parts — only the timing and the weighting change.

FAIL RATES

40%

of candidates did not pass B1 in 2025. The higher the level, the more failures.



Marks are lost less on grammar than on time and format: reading and listening run out of time, writing does not fit the required length. Source: HARNO, 2025.

STEP 3

Register in EIS

Registration for 2027 opens on 1 January and the first quarter closes on 1 February: for a March exam you apply in January.

1. Open eis.harno.ee and log in with your ID card, Mobile-ID or Smart-ID. Paper applications are accepted only from people without an Estonian personal code.
2. Choose your level and date. You can register for one exam at a time.
3. Submit the application by the 1st of the previous month. Later applications go to the next quarter.
4. Wait for the invitation: the exact time and address arrive by email.
5. Arrive at 10:00 with your ID. Latecomers are not admitted.

Three things that cost people a session

1. Results of the previous exam arrive within 40 days, while registration closes on the 1st. If you sit exams back to back, plan that gap in advance.
2. You can cancel no later than 4 working days before the exam: by email to info@harno.ee or by phone. If you simply do not turn up, the attempt is lost.
3. Citizenship applicants aged 65 and over can take B1 without the writing part: “B1-tase* (65 a ja vanem kodakondsuse taotleja)”.

SINCE 1 JANUARY 2027: WHAT CHANGES

Fee

The third and every later attempt at the same level costs 50 euros. The first two attempts stay free. The counter is tied to the level: if you have sat B1 twice, you get two free attempts at B2 again.

Appeal

An appeal used to keep or raise the score. Now the paper is re-marked in full, and the score can go down.

Source: Keeleseaduse, riigilõivuseaduse ning põhikooli- ja gümnaasiumiseaduse muutmise seadus, Riigi Teataja.

STEPS 4–5

Exam day and results

Exam day

- ✓ ID: an ID card, passport or residence permit. A driving licence is not accepted.
- ✓ Phones and watches are handed in for the written part. Dictionaries, cheat sheets and headphones are not allowed.
- ✓ The written block runs without a lunch break: about two hours at B1.
- ✓ The speaking part is recorded and assessed by two independent examiners.

Points and retakes

- ✓ B1: 100 points, pass mark 60. A2 is scored differently: 80 points, pass mark 48.
- ✓ Zero in any part means a fail, even if the total is above the pass mark.
- ✓ Below 45 points, or not turning up without a valid reason: retake after 6 months.
- ✓ With 45–59 points there is no legal waiting period: register for the next session.
- ✓ Valid absence: an explanation and proof within 14 days; the six-month wait then does not apply.

WHERE THE EXAM TAKES PLACE

CITY	ADDRESS
Tallinn	Pae Gümnaasium, Pae 5. With many candidates the written part also runs at TalTech, Ehitajate tee 5
Tartu	Tartu eksamipunkt, Jakobi 2
Narva	Narva Eesti Gümnaasium, Kraavi 1
Jõhvi	Ida-Virumaa Kutsehariduskeskus, Kutse 13 (enter from building B, then follow the corridor to C)
Pärnu	Tammsaare Kool, A. H. Tammsaare pst 30

The address in your invitation outranks this table.

AFTER THE EXAM

Within 40 days
the result in the eesti.ee portal

Certificate
electronic only, in eesti.ee

30 days
the HARNO appeal decision

STEP 6

Appeals and the citizenship exam

If you want to challenge the result

The complaint goes to the HARNO appeal commission (vaidekomisjon) and a decision is issued within 30 days. The commission may leave the result unchanged, raise it or lower it — the third option became explicitly possible on 1 January 2027.

- ✓ Before you file, look at your work: the law gives you access to information about your examination paper (§ 24¹ Keeleseadus).
- ✓ The whole paper is re-marked, not just the disputed task, so an appeal over a single point can end with a minus.

Citizenship exam: the rules

- ✓ Written, on a computer: 45 minutes, 24 multiple-choice questions, pass mark 18 correct.
- ✓ Taken in Estonian. The text of the Constitution and the Citizenship Act is available in the room and the result is known immediately.
- ✓ Registration closes 15 days before the date; the invitation arrives no later than 10 days before.
- ✓ Citizenship requires both exams, and the language exam is B1 or higher.

CITIZENSHIP EXAM DATES IN 2027

DATE	CITIES
16.01, 20.02	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva
27.03	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva; Pärnu and Rakvere with 5 registered
10.04	Valga with 5 registered
17.04, 08.05, 05.06	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva
07.08	Tallinn only
28.08, 25.09	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva
02.10	Valga with 5 registered
23.10	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva; Pärnu and Rakvere with 5 registered
27.11, 18.12	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva

Citizenship exam: dates and rules →

HOW TO PREPARE

Four things that cover exactly where marks are lost

1

Writing feedback

Every piece is reviewed: what to fix and where exactly the marks go. Not “try harder” but specific corrections.

2

Speaking part

Practise your answer with speech recognition and feedback: idea map, cards, timing.

3

Plan to exam day

A day-by-day schedule from today to your chosen date: how much is left and what to do this week.

4

All four parts

Writing, listening, reading and speaking part in the HARNO format: the same task types and the same time.

Material prepared by teachers from the Saan Targaks school. More than 3 500 people prepare with ABC Pilot.

Reach the exam with a plan, not with hope

HARNO-format tasks, feedback on writing and the speaking part, and a study plan up to your exam date. Levels A2, B1, B2, C1 and the citizenship exam.

Start free

Open the app

Prepare by level: A2 · B1 · B2 · C1

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Checklist

- [ ] Check the date and the deadline on harno.ee — rules change, this guide does not replace them.
- [ ] Pick the level: A2, B1, B2, C1 or the citizenship exam.
- [ ] Log in to eis.harno.ee with your ID card, Mobile-ID or Smart-ID.
- [ ] Submit the application by the 1st of the previous month.
- [ ] Keep the invitation: it carries the exact time and address.
- [ ] Bring your ID and arrive at 10:00.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I move my exam to another day?

No. You can cancel no later than 4 working days before and apply again for the next quarter.

Is the speaking part taken separately from the written part?

Usually the speaking part is scheduled 15–20 minutes after the written block, or on another day. The exact order is in your invitation.

How long do I have to wait for a retake?

Below 45 points or not showing up without a valid reason — 6 months. With 45–59 points there is no legal waiting period: register for the next session.

LINKS FROM THE GUIDE

The guide on the site	six steps from application to result	abcpilot.eu/estonian-exam-dates
Level test: A2 or B1	12 questions, no registration	abcpilot.eu/estonian-language-test-online
Citizenship exam	the Constitution and the Citizenship Act	abcpilot.eu/estonian-citizenship-exam
The ABC Pilot app	HARNO-format tasks and answer feedback	app.abcpilot.eu

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