

# The DELF and the TCF: What are the differences?

# The TCF

## → Test de Connaissance du Français

- ▶ The TCF is a test: it determines the level of candidates in each of the four competences:
  - ▶ Written comprehension
  - ▶ Oral comprehension
  - ▶ Written comprehension
  - ▶ Oral comprehension
- ▶ The TCF is a « picture » of the candidates' level at a given time
- ▶ The results of the TCF are valid for two years
- ▶ It can be compared to the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), its English equivalent

# The DELF

→ Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française

- ▶ The DELF is a diploma that validates an acquired level
- ▶ It is composed of four levels:
  - ▶ A1: breakthrough level, beginner
  - ▶ A2: waystage level, elementary
  - ▶ B1: threshold level, intermediate
  - ▶ B2: vantage level, upper intermediate
- ▶ The DELF has a permanent validity
- ▶ It can be compared to the Cambridge English Test, its English equivalent