



# Language testing policy in Denmark

- 477.700 immigrants and descendents (8,8% out of total population on 5,4 millions)
- The number of foreigners applying for asylum and family reunification is falling
- The number of foreigners coming to Denmark to work or study is increasing



- The Government (two liberal parties) in cooperation with The Danish People's Party is responsible for the language testing policy
- National elections in Denmark on the 13th of November 2007

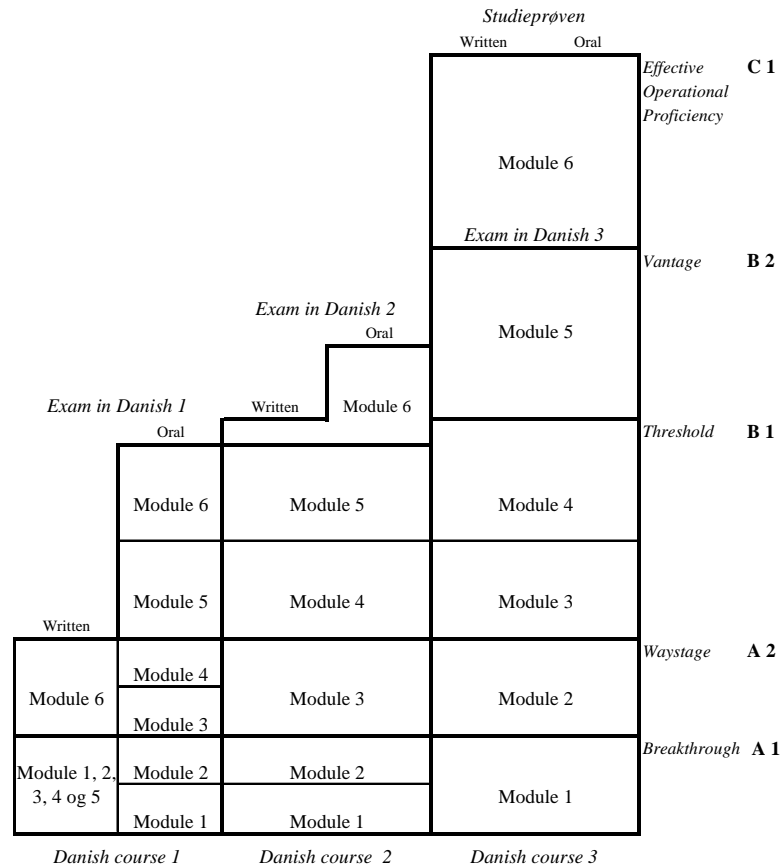
### In Denmark testing for

- Immigration/admission – in preparation (A1 minus )
- Permanent residence (B1+)
- Citizenship/naturalization (B2)



# Danish Language Courses

## Danish Courses for Adults Model with CEF-levels





# The immigration test (in preparation)

Religious preachers and family unified (spouses) have to pass a test before coming to Denmark in order to get a residence permit

- A knowledge test on Danish society
  - A language test at level A1 minus (oral)
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## Exemptions



# Permanent residence – an 'Integration Exam'

- a language test at B1+ level (Exam in Danish 2)
- or*
- a language test at A2 level written and B1 oral (Exam in Danish 1) in combination with an English test at B1+ level (corresponding to an Exam in Danish 2)

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- An average on the given marks has to represent the cut off score
  - Exam in Danish 1: oral, reading, writing (one mark for reading and writing, and oral counts double)
  - Exam in Danish 2: oral, reading, writing (oral counts double)
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Apply after seven years

Exemptions



# Citizenship/naturalization

## A language test and a knowledge test

### **The language test at B2 level (Exam in Danish 3)**

- An average on the given marks has to represent the cut off score
- Exam in Danish 3: oral, reading and writing (oral counts double)

### **The knowledge test: Danish history, culture and society**

- multiple choice test
- item bank with 200 questions
- 40 questions (28 answered correctly)

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Apply after nine years (refugees eight years)

No exemptions (special rules for children)



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