

# CATALAN LANGUAGE RESOURCE GUIDE

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Find out where it is done,  
who does what and how  
you can take advantage of it

# IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO ...

Learn Catalan.

Improve your Catalan.

Find out about Catalan certificates.

Increase the use of Catalan.

Be a language volunteer.

Receive advice on your language rights.

Find out good linguistic practices.

... this is  
your guide.



# STUDY AND LEARN CATALAN



## Don't make excuses!

Here you will find all levels of learning the Catalan language. From the most basic, to begin with, to the highest, for perfection.

There are classroom and online courses; 6-monthly and annually, and even self-study courses to learn at your own pace.

### Adult education centres

The courses are annual and start in September.

#### Centres in Palma:

- ✓ CEPA Camp Rodó
- ✓ CEPA S'Arenal
- ✓ CEPA Son Canals
- ✓ CEPA La Balanguera

### Municipal Adult Education Service - PalmaEduca / Institut d'Estudis Baleàrics

Catalan courses at different levels organised. Courses normally begin twice a year: after summer and after Christmas.

### Official Language School

Offers 4-month and annual courses and exams leading to official certificates.

### UIB Language Services

They teach courses with a final exam and an official certificate, and are aimed at university students and workers, as well as people from outside the university.

### EBAP (Escola Balear d'Administració Pública)

If you work for local government, the Balearic School of Public Administration (EBAP) offers you courses, workshops and training in Catalan. They are intended for Balearic Islands government (CAIB) staff and other public bodies and administrations.

# OTHER PLATFORMS TO LEARN CATALAN



## PELC

This free programme, promoted by the Institut d'Estudis Baleàrics, is a self-learning language resource accessed online.

## VIRTUAL CATALAN CENTRE

This is a self-learning tool from the Institut d'Estudis Baleàrics with educational resources distributed by levels, from initial A1 to administrative language. There is also a team of consultants to respond to linguistic questions and queries or review written expressions. Online conversation sessions of any level are also held.

## UOC

Apart from learning Catalan online, you can also prepare for exams leading to obtaining an official Catalan certificate; these are held twice a year.

## PARAULA

This is a private language services centre offering short practical workshops in oral and written expression to prepare for level exams.





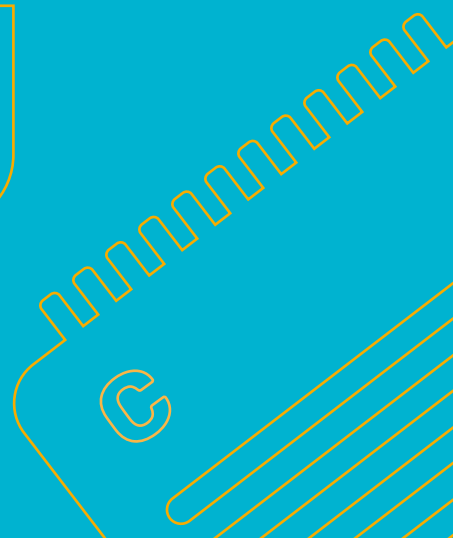
# GET A CERTIFICATE

Did you know you need to know Catalan to work in local government? Moreover, having a higher level than required usually counts in your favour.

After doing the course, take full advantage by taking the exam to get the certificate. There are usually examination sessions held twice a year when the courses end. You can also prepare for them freely at your own pace!

Find out more at the **Catalan Knowledge Training and Certification Service**, part of the General Directorate for Language Policy. You can find out all the information about exam times, pamphlets for the different levels and past test papers on its website.

## LEVELS



# PRACTISE CATALAN

## TV channels

On the IB3, TV3 and Cinemacat websites you will find series and films in Catalan.

## Read

You have 22 municipal libraries at your fingertips. Check out their catalogues of books in Catalan.

## Listen to music in Catalan

Search YouTube and Spotify for music lists in Catalan. You will find music of all styles.

## Enjoy culture

Get to know the cultural programme, and all the shows, activities, exhibitions and conferences taking place at Palma City Council centres.

## Stay informed

You can access the media in Catalan. IB3 TV, IB3 Ràdio, Ona Mediterrània and the newspapers *ARABalears* and *dBalears* will keep you up to date in Catalan.

## Do you play games in Catalan?

This is a campaign from the Balearic Islands Government's General Directorate for Language Policy, providing a list of games in Catalan and their points of sale. You can also find websites and apps to play online.

# KEEP PRACTICING CATALAN

## Aparella't (Pair up)



This is a free app to find a language partner, developed by the Plataforma per la Llengua. The mobile app makes it easier and more fun to find a person to talk to in the language.

## With you, in Catalan

Language volunteering campaign, coordinated by *Paraula*. It puts a Catalan speaker in contact with another who has just started to learn and wants to practise.

## For the little ones

*Cantem*, a compilation of 49 traditional songs, and *Vocabulari Llonguet in imatges*, both from the Palma City Council Education and Language Policy Area.

**Catalan is a very active language on the Internet.** Most social networks and some of the most visited websites now have a version in Catalan.



# ORGANISATIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF CATALAN AND THE DEFENCE OF LANGUAGE RIGHTS

## PALMA CITY COUNCIL LANGUAGE SERVICES

### Language Dynamisation Service

- ✓ Contact this service for information or guidance on resources to learn, practise or improve your use of Catalan.
- ✓ It promotes different actions to increase the profile of Catalan in services, associations and entities, and helps launch projects and activities fomenting the Catalan language.
- ✓ Education, leisure time, business and immigrants are its main areas of involvement.

### Language Advisory Service

#### **This offers:**

- ✓ Text correction in Catalan (see conditions).
- ✓ Resolution of language doubts.
- ✓ Information on language legislation and rights, Catalan courses and standardisation campaigns.
- ✓ Specific corrections for companies (websites, advertising texts or specialist vocabulary).

## CONSELL DE MALLORCA LINGUISTIC STANDARDISATION SERVICE

This promotes linguistic standardisation in conferences and courses, online resources, applications for grants to promote the use of the language, an advisory service and campaigns to expand the presence of Catalan.





## BALEARIC ISLANDS GOVERNMENT GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF LANGUAGE POLICY

### Its functions are to:

- ✓ Standardise the Catalan language via activities, conferences and applications for grants and other campaigns.
- ✓ Promote and defend language rights.
- ✓ Certify and provide official approval for the knowledge of Catalan.

## INSTITUT D'ESTUDIS BALEÀRICS

This is a Balearic Islands government body dedicated to the promotion of the language and culture of the Balearic Islands. Its language area offers numerous ways to learn Catalan: e.g. courses, resources, workshops and Catalan centres.

## MALLORCA LITERÀRIA FOUNDATION

This is a cultural foundation responsible for managing and promoting the literary heritage in Majorca with numerous information projects. Check out its programme of activities dedicated to the promotion of literary creation, the dissemination of written literature in Majorca and the promotion of reading.

## LANGUAGE RIGHTS DEFENCE BODY

This organisation is responsible for the defence and promotion of language rights for the Balearic Islands public.

### Did you know...

- ✓ You have the right, not only to speak Catalan when dealing with local government, but also with a private company?
- ✓ You have the right to use Catalan in court proceedings, whatever your role.

Find out about all your language rights.

## SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CATALAN LANGUAGE

This is an advisory and consultative body on linguistic matters attached to the competent department in this matter.

## EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR LANGUAGE DIVERSITY

Its aim is to influence European Union language policies to recognise regional and minority languages and to manage linguistic diversity in a European context.

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# CATALAN PROMOTION ENTITIES

## OBRA CULTURAL BALEAR

- ✓ Works to promote the full use of the Catalan language in the Balearic Islands.
- ✓ Organises activities to promote language and culture.
- ✓ Encourages the linguistic and cultural integration of immigrants.

## PLATAFORMA PER LA LLENGUA

### Offers

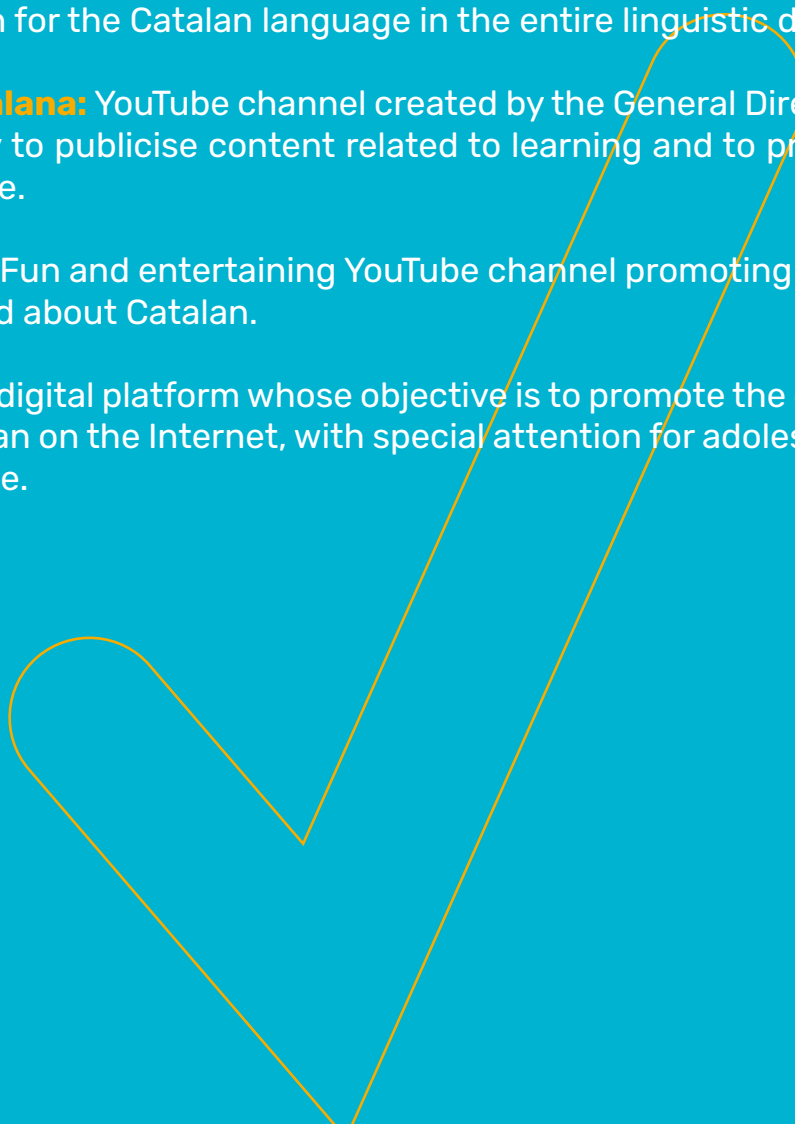
- ✓ A translation and proofreading service and linguistic advice.
- ✓ Complaint and reporting service.
- ✓ Linguistic consulting, advisory and auditing service.
- ✓ Training service for personnel.
- ✓ Studies and publications that can be found on its website.

## JOVES PER LA LLENGUA

This is a civic and cultural youth institution for the promotion of the Catalan culture, language and identity.



# GOOD PRACTICE

- ✓ **What if ...? Guide:** Plataforma per la Llengua publication containing guidelines for useful conduct at certain times for people who want to be fully immersed in Catalan.
  - ✓ **Sporting vocabulary:** To introduce and convey the terminology of 8 sports, prepared by the General Directorate for Language Policy.
  - ✓ **50 important points about the Catalan language:** Produced by the Plataforma per la Llengua, it gives a clear and easy-to-follow summary of the current situation for the Catalan language in the entire linguistic domain.
  - ✓ **IB Llengua Catalana:** YouTube channel created by the General Directorate of Language Policy to publicise content related to learning and to promote the Catalan language.
  - ✓ **Youtubers.cat:** Fun and entertaining YouTube channel promoting YouTubers who speak in and about Catalan.
  - ✓ **Canal Malaia:** A digital platform whose objective is to promote the creation of content in Catalan on the Internet, with special attention for adolescents and a young audience.
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# ADDRESSES OF INTEREST

## **CEPA Camp Rodó**

C. de Joan Capó, s/n, 07010 Palma  
Phone no: 971 753 158  
cepacamprodo@educaib.eu

## **CEPA la Balanguera**

C. de Ramiro de Maeztu, 2 A, 07013 Palma  
Phone no: 971 730 265  
cepalabalanguera@educaib.eu

## **CEPA Son Canals**

C. de Son Canals, 10, 07008 Palma  
Phone no: 971 420 305  
secretaria@cepasoncanals.cat

## **CEPA S'Arenal**

C. de Diego Zaforteza, 7, 07600 Palma  
Phone no: 971 263 477  
info@cepaarenal.cat

## **General Directorate of Language Policy**

C. d'Alfons el Magnànim, 29, 07004, Palma  
Phone no: 971 177 634  
dgpoling@dgpoling.caib.es

## **Balearic School of Public Administration (EBAP)**

C. del Gremi de Corredors, 10, 3r, 07009 Palma  
Phone no: 971 177 625  
ebap@caib.es

## **Official Language School**

C. d'Aragó, 59, 07005 Palma  
Phone no: 971 421 314  
secretaria@eoipalma.com

## **Institut d'Estudis Baleàrics**

C. de l'Almudaina, 4, 07001 Palma  
Phone no: 971 177 601 / 971 178 996  
info@iebalearics.com

### **Language Rights Defence Body**

C. d'Alfons el Magnànim, 29, 1r pis, 07004 Palma  
Phone no: 971 176 097  
oficina@dgpoling.caib.es

### **Plataforma per la Llengua (Balearic Islands)**

Via Roma, 5b, 07012 Palma  
Phone no: 628 546 220  
illesbalears@plataforma-llengua.cat

### **Palma City Council Language Advisory Services**

C. de l'Almudaina, 9, 07001 Palma  
Phone no: 971 225 964 / 971 225 900 (ext. 1338)  
serveidecatala@palma.es

### **Palma City Council Language Dynamisation Service**

Pl. Nova de la Ferreria, 2, 07002 Palma  
Phone no: 971 22 59 00 (ext. 7852)  
dinamitzaciolinguitica@palma.cat

### **Consell de Mallorca / Language Standardisation Service**

Pl. de l'Hospital, 4, 07012 Palma  
Phone no: 971 219 581  
nlinguistica@conselldemallorca.net

### **Municipal Adult Education Service - PalmaEduca**

PalmaFormació Mercat Camp Redó  
C. de Felip II, 17, 2n, 07010 Palma  
Phone no: 971 242 642  
orientacio@palma.cat

PalmaFormació Son Malferit  
C. de Gregorio Marañón, s/n, 07007 Palma  
Phone no: 971 244 976  
infoeduca@palma.cat

### **UIB Language Services**

Universitat de les Illes Balears  
Ctra. de Valldemossa, km 7,5 07122 Palma  
Phone no: 971 17 30 00

### **Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)**

C. d'Ausiàs March, 11, 07003 Palma  
Phone no: 971 65 86 11  
uocpalma@uoc.edu

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to improve**

## Are there any resources missing in this guide?

Has the information for any resource changed? (e.g. opening times, address, phone no)?

Send the following information to **[dinamitzaciolinguitica@palma.cat](mailto:dinamitzaciolinguitica@palma.cat)**

- ✓ Resource:
- ✓ Service provided:
- ✓ Contact:
- ✓ Addressee:
- ✓ Purpose:
- ✓ Location:
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- ✓ Direction:
- ✓ Phone no:
- ✓ Website:
- ✓ Email:

