

INFORMATION

ORAL PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (OPI)

Before scheduling students for the OPIs, please read the [NEWL™ Exam Dates and Fees](#) document for information about the exam, qualifications, and other requirement.

The \$93 exam fee includes the cost of the live (in-person) OPI with a tester via a landline telephone. The OPIs will last between 20 and 25 minutes, depending on whether an examinee is a non-heritage or heritage speaker of Russian. The OPI section will be administered separately, independent of the main exam administration.

Sign-up for the OPI is on a first come, first served basis. Please refer to [the College Board's website](#) for examples of acceptable and unacceptable reasons for rescheduling. The OPI scheduler will not allow the Registrant to schedule or reschedule with less than 72 hours prior to the desired OPI timeslot. Once the examinee is registered for the OPI, the exam registrant has 72 hours to make any changes, i.e. time, and date. After 72 hours the scheduled times and dates will be locked. There is a \$35 charge to unlock an OPI time slot for reasons that fall outside of the circumstances put forth by the College Board.

Role and Responsibilities of the Registrant:

It is the Exam Registrant's responsibility to

- schedule the OPIs for all the examinees before the deadline, March 31, 2017 by noon.
- identify and register an OPI proctor(s) for the number of registered examinees.
- reserve a private space/ office room (with no background noise/ distractions), where the OPIs can be administered.
- ensure the OPI proctor is not the Russian teacher or someone who knows Russian.
- communicate with the examinee and proctor the location, date and time of the OPI.

Role and Responsibilities of the OPI proctor:

It is the OPI Proctor's responsibility to

- be present 5-10 minutes before the oral interview time(s).
- confirm the examinee's name and match it with the designated OPI time slot.
- verify the examinee's identity to the tester on the phone.
- communicate with the tester and the registrant about examinee absences, school delays, or other pertinent local factors.
- notify American Councils immediately of the absentee by emailing the [Absence Form](#) to Huma Manati at NEWL@americancouncils.org

Note:

At this time, the live (in-person) OPI is offered for the Russian language only.

For all other NEWL languages: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, and Portuguese, the speaking and writing portions will be administered following the reading and listening sections—and will last approximately 30 minutes for each section. The speaking and writing sections are administered by our partners, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) and their exclusive licensee Language Testing International (LTI).