

## Portuguese Spelling Reform

Since 2009, new spelling rules for Portuguese have come into effect.

Until 2012 examination candidates can use either the old or the new spelling rules, provided that they use one form consistently.

Candidates must specify in their scripts whether they are using the old or the new spelling.

From 2013, the new spelling must be used by all candidates.

Recommendations:

- One book recommended by a Portuguese (European) speaker which was thought to be a good reference for Portuguese specialists and contains the integral text of the new agreement with practical exercises is Francisco Álvaro Gomes, "O Acordo Ortográfico", Edições Flumen e Porto Editora, 2008. ISBN 9789722889524
- Recommended by a Brazilian Portuguese speaker was a guide which shows a table with the 1990's changes and how they relate to the new rules: Instituto António Houaiss, "Escrevendo pela Nova Ortografia – Como usar as regras do novo acordo ortográfico da língua portuguesa", Publifolha, 2008, 2ª edição. ISBN 9788574029382

Suggestions for quick reference are:

- Porto Editora, "Acordo Ortográfico, guia prático", 2008. ISBN 9789720319425
- Casteleiro e Correia, "O novo acordo ortográfico. O que vai mudar na grafia do português, Texto, 2008. ISBN 9789724737645

A web search for "Português" and "acordo ortográfico" will also produce a large number of sites with information.

English native speakers may prefer to search under "Portuguese" and "spelling agreement" or "spelling reform" in order that the information is relayed in English.