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## Language test results

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# Take a language test

You must prove your language skills by taking an approved language test.

To do this, you must:

- schedule your test with an agency approved by IRCC and pay the costs
- enter the test results into your Express Entry profile (and the language test result form or certificate number and test PIN, if the system asks for it)

## ▼ If you can't complete your language test because of a disability

If you have a disability and you aren't able to complete one or more sections of your language test:

- You must get your averaged scores through our [language averaging tool](#) for the abilities you weren't able to complete (if the language organization didn't give you averaged scores directly).
- Use these averaged scores in your profile in the Express Entry profile builder.
- We'll verify both the averaged scores and the language test results you submit.

# Language tests we accept

You can take any of these approved language tests:

English	French
<u>CELPIP: Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You must take the <b>CELPIP-General</b> test.</li></ul>	<u>TEF Canada: Test d'évaluation de français</u>
<u>IELTS: International English Language Testing System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You must take the <b>IELTS General Training</b> option.</li><li>We don't accept IELTS One Skill Retake for Express Entry.</li></ul>	<u>TCF Canada: Test de connaissance du français</u>
PTE Core: <u>Pearson Test of English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You must take the <b>PTE Core</b> option.</li></ul>	

# Language requirements

To measure your English or French levels, we use:

- Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) for English
- Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadien (NCLC) for French

## ▼ Canadian Experience Class

The skills you need will depend on the group your job is classified in under the National Occupational Classification system (NOC).

### Minimum level for all 4 abilities

NOC TEER	English	French
TEER 0 or 1	CLB 7	NCLC 7
TEER 2 or 3	CLB 5	NCLC 5

## ▼ Federal Skilled Worker Program

First official language

Language	Minimum level for all 4 abilities
English	CLB 7
French	NCLC7
<b>Second official language</b> Minimum level of <b>CLB or NCLC 5</b> .	

### ▼ Federal Skilled Trades Program

Language	Abilities	Minimum level
English	Speaking and listening	<b>CLB 5</b>
English	Reading and writing	<b>CLB 4</b>
French	Speaking and listening	<b>NCLC 5</b>
French	Reading and writing	<b>NCLC 4</b>

## How long your results are valid for

Your test results must be **less than 2 years old** when you:

- complete your Express Entry profile, and
- submit your application for permanent residence

▼ If you've been invited to apply

Check that your language test results will still be valid when you plan to apply.

▼ If you haven't been invited to apply

You may want to make sure your results are valid for the rest of the time you'll be in the pool.

If your results will expire before you can apply, you should:

- be tested again, **or**
- apply before your test results expire, **or**
- decline the invitation and go back into the pool to be considered in the future

If you apply for permanent residence with language test results that have expired, we'll refuse your application.

# Check your language level

You can use your test results to find your CLB level.

## **\* What immigration programs do you want to apply to? (required)**

Federal Skilled Worker Program

Federal Skilled Trades Program

Canadian Experience Class

## **\* What approved language test did you take? (required)**

CELP: Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program

IELTS: International English Language Testing System

PTE Core: Pearson Test of English

TEF Canada: Test d'évaluation de français

TCF Canada: Test de connaissance du français



## Canadian Experience Class

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) centres are not approved testing agencies for people who apply under the Canadian Experience Class.

## IELTS: International English Language Testing System

### Test results for each ability

NOC TEER	CLB Level	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing
0 and 1	<b>10 and above</b>	7.5-9.0	8.5-9.0	8.0-9.0	7.5-9.0
0 and 1	<b>9</b>	7.0	8.0	7.0	7.0
0 and 1	<b>8</b>	6.5	7.5	6.5	6.5
0 and 1	<b>7</b>	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
2 and 3	<b>6</b>	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.5
2 and 3	<b>5</b>	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0

Educational credential assessment ➡

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