

CANADA IMMIGRATION LANGUAGE LEVELS

Applicants applying for permanent residence to Canada and Canadian Citizenship, are required to prove language skills by taking a language test approved by Canada immigration authorities – Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

There are two English language tests offered by third parties that are recognized by Canadian authorities. This includes CELPIP and IELTS.

There is one French language test offered by recognized authorities, known as TEF.

Points are awarded for language abilities when applying for permanent residence, under the Express Entry system or under provincial programs.

Below you will find charts which convert scores received under third party language examinations into the corresponding language level.

CELPIP

First official language (Maximum 24 points)

CLB Level	Ability: Speaking	Ability: Listening	Ability: Reading	Ability: Writing	Points per ability
7 CELPIP-G-2014	7	7	7	7	4
8 CELPIP-G-2014	8	8	8	8	5
9 CELPIP-G-2014	9	9	9	9	6
10 and above CELPIP-G-2014	10+	10+	10+	10+	6

Second official language (4 points if you meet the minimum threshold in all four language abilities)

CLB Level	Ability: Speaking	Ability: Listening	Ability: Reading	Ability: Writing	Points (total)
5 and above	5 – 12	5 – 12	5 – 12	5 – 12	4

IELTS

First official language (Maximum 24 points)

CLB Level	Ability: Speaking	Ability: Listening	Ability: Reading	Ability: Writing	Points per ability
7	6.0	6.0 – 7.0	6.0	6.0	4
8	6.5	7.5	6.5	6.5	5
9	7.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	6
10 and above	7.5 – 9.0	8.5 – 9.0	8.0 – 9.0	7.5 – 9.0	6

Second official language (4 points if you meet the minimum threshold in all four language abilities)

CLB Level	Ability: Speaking	Ability: Listening	Ability: Reading	Ability: Writing	Points (total)
5 and above	5.0 – 9.0	5.0 – 9.0	4.0 – 9.0	5.0 – 9.0	4

TEF

First official language (Maximum 24 points)

NCLC Level	Ability: Speaking (expression orale)	Ability: Listening (compréhension de l'orale)	Ability: Reading (compréhension de l'écrit)	Ability: Writing (expression écrite)	Points (per ability)
7	310 – 348	249 – 279	207 – 232	310 – 348	4
8	349 – 370	280 – 297	233 – 247	349 – 370	5
9 and above	371+	298+	248+	371+	6

Second official language (4 points if you meet the minimum threshold in each of the four language abilities)

NCLC Level	Ability: Speaking (expression orale)	Ability: Listening (compréhension de l'orale)	Ability: Reading (compréhension de l'écrit)	Ability: Writing (expression écrite)	Points (per ability)
5 and above	226 – 371+	181 – 298+	151 – 248+	226 – 371+	4