

Canadian Language Benchmarks

The *Canadian Language Benchmarks* (CLB) are the national standard used in Canada for describing, measuring and recognizing the English language proficiency of adult immigrants and prospective immigrants for living and working in Canada.

The CLB is a descriptive scale of communicative proficiency in English as a Second Language, expressed as benchmarks or reference points. Benchmarks provide a framework of reference for learning, teaching, programming and assessing adult English as a Second Language in Canada, and a national standard for planning second language curricula for a variety of contexts and a common “yardstick” for assessing the outcomes.

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