

## LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT SERVICES - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### What is a language assessment test?

A language assessment is a tool that measures your English or French language ability. It is not a test that you pass or fail. These assessments are based on the Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB), or the Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC).

The CLB is a nationally accepted tool for understanding language proficiency across 4 skills:

-  Listening
-  Speaking
-  Writing
-  Reading

The assessment test can take 1.5-4 hours to complete depending on your English skills.

### Why should I take a language assessment test?

Completing a CLB assessment test is required before taking government funded English or French classes. After you have done your assessment, you will be given options for language training courses. A CLB assessment is required for entry into any of the following programs:

#### ENGLISH PROGRAMS

- Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Specialized Language Training (SLT)
- Occupation Specific Language Training (OSLT)
- LINC Home Study (LHS)
- Adapted LINC

#### FRENCH PROGRAMS

- CLIC en Ligne
- FSL (French as a Second Language)
- Cours de langue pour immigrants au Canada (CLIC)
- CLIC adapté

### Can I take the assessment test online?

Yes, you can take the assessment test online if you have:

- ✓ A computer or laptop with a microphone, camera and keyboard
- ✓ Access to stable Internet
- ✓ Basic to advanced computer skills

### How can I book a language assessment test?

- Request an appointment through our website ([www.achev.ca/lasphd](http://www.achev.ca/lasphd))
- ✉ Email [lac@achev.ca](mailto:lac@achev.ca)
- ☎ Call [905-949-0049](tel:905-949-0049) ext. 1369



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### What should I bring to my appointment?

It is required that you bring your original immigration documents and picture ID with you to your appointment.

### Can I use my assessment test results to apply for citizenship?

Your CLB assessment test results cannot be used to meet the English language requirement on the citizenship application. To learn more about what documents you can use on your citizenship application to meet the language requirement, visit the Government of Canada website: <https://ircc.canada.ca/>

### Am I eligible for the assessment test?

If you are 18 years old, or older at the time of your appointment and meet any of the immigration criteria below you are eligible to take the CLB assessment test:

- Naturalized Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Convention Refugee/Protected Person
- Application for Permanent Resident status is being processed
  - Confirmation of Permanent Residence
  - Initial Approval
- Asylum Seeker
- Temporary Worker or Student with initial approval for a concurrent "Application for Permanent Residence"
- Foreign Domestic Worker admitted under the Live-In Caregiver program
- Provincial Nominee (or Dependant) approved through Opportunities Ontario
- Temporary Foreign Worker (or Dependant) approved through Canadian Experience Class
- Ukrainian National (CUAET)
- Temporary residents affected by the Crisis in Gaza (MOME2023)
- Francophone Minority Communities Student Pilot (FMCSF)

\* Please note that eligibility criteria is a subject to change at funder discretion

### How can I study for the assessment?

You do not need to study for the assessment. Your assessment reflects your abilities in English or French on the day you are assessed. It is based on real-life tasks and is not a traditional test.

### How fast can I move to a higher level course?

Your teacher, and your work in class, will determine how fast you are moved to the next benchmark.

### Is the assessment test free?

Yes. There are no costs associated with taking the CLB assessment test if you are eligible. Eligibility is based on your age, and immigration status.

For more information, or if you have questions about this guide, contact:  
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