



NCA Language Testing Requirements

The NCA's Assessment Policy provides that all Applicants are required to demonstrate proficiency in communicating in at least one (1) of Canada's two (2) official languages, English and French. An Applicant will be considered to have demonstrated the required proficiency in English or French if:

- a. the language of instruction of the Applicant's Qualifying Law Degree was English or French; **and**
- b. the Qualifying Law Degree was obtained in a country where English or French is an official language.

An Applicant who does not meet the language requirement must provide, within three (3) years of their file being ready for assessment, evidence of successful completion of:

- a. a test accepted by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada as proof of English language proficiency with a minimum score set by the NCA in the sole discretion of the Executive Director in each of the following elements: writing, speaking, reading and listening; **or**
- b. a test accepted by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada or Immigration Quebec as proof of French language proficiency with a minimum score set by the NCA in the sole discretion of the Executive Director in each of the following elements: writing, speaking, reading and listening.

The tests the NCA accepts, along with the required scores are:

English

- [CELP: Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program](#)
 - you must take the CELPIP-General test
 - you must score a minimum of 9 in each category of Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
- [IELTS: International English Language Testing System](#)
 - you must take the General Training option
 - you must score a minimum of 7 in each category of Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking

French

- [TEF Canada: Test d'évaluation de français](#), including:
 - writing comprehension: you must score a minimum of 248
 - oral comprehension: you must score a minimum of 298
 - written expression: you must score a minimum of 371
 - oral expression: you must score a minimum of 371
- [TCF Canada: Test de connaissance du français](#), including:
 - writing comprehension: you must score a minimum of 524
 - oral comprehension: you must score a minimum of 523
 - written expression: you must score a minimum of 14
 - oral expression: you must score a minimum of 14