



NCA Language Testing Requirements

(as of May 7, 2024)

NCA Assessment Policy 11 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, 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 below. Test results must be less than 2 years old when submitted to the NCA:

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

- [PTE Core: Pearson Test of English Core](#)
 - Reading: you must score a minimum of 78
 - Writing: you must score a minimum of 88
 - Listening: you must score a minimum of 82
 - Speaking: you must score a minimum of 84

French

- [TEF Canada: Test d'évaluation de français](#), including:
If you took your test after December 10, 2023

- Reading: you must score a minimum of 503
- Writing: you must score a minimum of 512
- Listening: you must score a minimum of 503
- Speaking: you must score a minimum of 518

If you took your test between October 1, 2019 and December 10, 2023

- you must score a minimum of 533 in each category of Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
- [TCF Canada: Test de connaissance du français](#), including:
 - Reading: you must score a minimum of 524
 - Writing: you must score a minimum of 14
 - Listening: you must score a minimum of 523
 - Speaking: you must score a minimum of 14

