

Language Requirements Guidance for Employment Counsellors

To be eligible to apply to the FIN Program, candidates must have the necessary language abilities in English or French (minimum [Canadian Language Benchmark](#) of 7 or higher, in all four skills, CELPIP-G 7, IELTS 6, or other acceptable equivalents).

The following checklist will provide you with guidance when determining whether a candidate meets the language requirement.

If a candidate has any one of the following types of proof of language ability, they are considered eligible to apply to the FIN Program.

- **A diploma, transcripts, or certificate from a recognized, post-secondary institution indicating proof of successful graduation or the successful completion of a program in English or in French.**
 - ❖ The post-secondary institution may be in Canada or abroad.
 - ❖ The diploma, certificate or transcript should be in English or French. If the original document is not in English or French, a letter in English or French from the institution indicating that the language of instruction was in English or French must be included with a translation of the original document.



Note:

- ❖ A single course done in English or French does not meet the requirement. The document must clearly show that the program was completed with English or French as the language of instruction.
- ❖ Institutions must be recognized by Ministry of Education in the country in which it was awarded to be considered acceptable for language screening purposes. In cases where you are unsure whether the diploma, transcripts or certificates are from a recognized institution, you may request one of the other acceptable proofs below.
- ❖ If you are unsure whether the candidate's language ability is at a high enough level for success in the FIN program, you may request additional language proof or recommend additional language training after receiving proof of completion of post-secondary education in French or English.

OR

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<p>➤ Results of the following IRCC-approved third-party tests (taken within the past 2 years):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP):<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The CELPIP General 2014 test (CELPIP-G 2014) with a score of 7 or higher in all four skills.❖ International English Language Testing System (IELTS):<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ General training, not the academic version;✓ You must have achieved a score of 6.0 or higher in all four skills.❖ Test d'Évaluation de Français (TEF) :<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 310-348 or higher in speaking and writing (expression orale/écrite);✓ 249-279 or higher in listening (compréhension orale);✓ 207-232 or higher in reading (compréhension écrite). <p>Note that these standards are subject to change. You can find the most up-to-date tests and scores at: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/language-testing.asp</p> <p>OR</p>	
<p>➤ Results of one of the following third-party tests (taken within the past 2 years) used for Quebec immigration purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ DALF (Diplôme approfondi de langue française) : C1 or higher❖ DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française), TCF (Test de connaissance du français), TCFQ (Test de connaissance du français pour le Québec), or TEFaQ (Test d'évaluation du français adapté pour le Québec) : B2 or higher <p>OR</p>	

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- **Results of one of the following government-funded language training programs (results dating from within the past 2 years):**
- ❖ For **Manitoba**: Manitoba progress reports issued before October 31st, 2014 and indicating that all four skills are at least at “completing CLB/NCLC level 7” or higher.
 - ❖ For **Quebec**: Bulletins by the Ministère de l’Immigration, de la Diversité et de l’Inclusion du Québec (MIDI) or the Ministère de l’Immigration et Communautés Culturelles (former department name) :
 - ✓ Bulletin showing your most recent assessment results in “interaction orale” (OR showing results in both “comprehension orale” and “production orale”), in “comprehension de l’écrit” and “expression écrite” are at least level 7 (Échelle québécoise).
 - ❖ For **British Columbia (BC)**:
 - ✓ an ELSA certificate or ELSA report card issued prior to August 31st, 2014 indicating that all four skills are at least at CLB 7 or higher.
 - ❖ For **Ontario**: Ontario Provincial Language Training Certificate issued by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (MCIIT) funded language training providers (school boards) **on or after** December 2013. Ensure the Ontario MCIIT Adult Non-Credit language training program certificate indicates achievement of level CLB/NCLC 7 or higher, in all four skills. These certificates must be for:
 - ✓ English as a Second Language (ESL)/Anglais Langue Seconde (ALS)
 - ✓ French as a Second Language (FSL)/Français Langue Seconde (FLS)
 - ❖ **Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) or Cours de langue pour les immigrants au Canada (CLIC)**: LINC or CLIC certificate that indicates all four skills at least at “CLB/NCLC level 7” or higher.

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