

Canadian Language Language Benchmarks Placement Test (CLBPT)

This test is used to place learners, new immigrants to Canada, into government sponsored English as a second language classes, formerly known as LINC, but now referred to as ELSA. There are twelve levels, which are further subdivided into 3 stages. Stage 1 Basic Proficiency (levels 1-4), Stage 2 Intermediate Proficiency (levels 5-8) Stage 3 Advanced Proficiency (levels 9-12). This test is also used by Canadian colleges and universities to assess eligibility to apply for certain programs of study.

Test Format

The CLBPT is a task-based test, which means that the questions are comprised of tasks that mimic those in everyday life. The test is 90 minutes long. Reading, writing, speaking and listening are assessed.

Reading-3-5 tasks 30 minutes

Writing-3 tasks 30 minutes

Listening 15 minutes

Speaking 15 minutes

Helpful Links

Understanding the [CLB level assessment](#)

Link to CLB self assessment test (reading and listening only) test.clb-osa.ca

CLBPT test centre in Vancouver [MOSAIC](#)