

IELTS and CELPIP RESOURCE SHEET

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	IELTS	CELPIP
Use and Recognition	<p>Recognized in Canada and internationally</p> <p>General test version used for: immigration, citizenship, professional designations, applying for English-speaking schools or colleges (below-degree level)</p>	<p>Recognized in Canada</p> <p>General test version used for: immigration, professional designations</p> <p>LS (<i>Listening + Speaking</i>) test version used for: Citizenship applications and professional designations</p>
Cost	General: \$309 + tax	General: \$280 + tax LS (<i>Listening + Speaking</i>): \$195 + tax
Features, Pros and Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading, Writing & Listening booked separately from Speaking • Test is either paper-based or on computer • Speaking part is face-to-face with a person • Listening is more task-based • Uses a variety of international accents (Australian, British, Canadian, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs less than IELTS • Whole test is on computer • General test version takes 3 hours • Listening Speaking test version takes 1 hour • Whole test is under time-pressure (clock ticks away at the top of the screen) • Listening section requires good level and fast reading skills as well as note-taking skills • Speaking section is to a computer
Validity	2-years	2-years
Scoring	Scoring in bands 1-9. Easy reference to check out how IELTS levels map to the CLBs (<i>Canadian Language Benchmarks</i>) by clicking the immigration tab at https://ielts.ca/about-ielts/	A scoring band of 1-12 calibrated against the CLBs (<i>Canadian Language Benchmark system</i>)
Results	13 calendar days for paper-based tests results 3-5 days for computer-based test results	Results are available online in 4-5 calendar days
Preparation Options	<p>1) The Canadian IELTS website: https://ielts.ca/prepare-for-ielts/ has lots of practice tests and sample test questions. You can also access a free app and webinars to help you prepare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free resources for test format explained, practice tests, preparation courses, preparation webinars, IELTS preparation tutoring, books and study guides etc: https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/prepare 	<p>1) CELPIP offers the option of sample tests or preparation programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main test-prep page: https://www.celpip.ca/prepare-for-celpip/prepare-overview/ • Free study resources: • https://www.celpip.ca/prepare-for-celpip/free-resources/

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<p>Preparation Options – continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for IELTS on computer: https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/prepare/ielts-on-computer?_ga=2.153278520.1233714485.1622927740-690577873.1622927740 <p>2) Libraries may have print and online resources you can access for free with your library card. All libraries have IELTS study guides to borrow. The Whistler, Pemberton and Squamish Libraries have 'Road to IELTS', which is an online preparation course. Check your local library for further details.</p> <p>3) Purchase IELTS materials to study on your own or take preparation classes.</p> <p>4) Local settlement services: Contact Settlement Services in Whistler, Squamish, and throughout the Sunshine Coast to register for one-to-one tutoring. This program matches learners to volunteer tutors for 2 hours a week at a location and time that suits learners. All learners have an assessment meeting to identify their goals. Request support with language test preparation.</p> <p>5) The Squamish Welcome Center is offering a free online drop-in IELTS test preparation class that started May 22, 2021. The eight facilitated sessions are on Saturdays from 11am-12pm. 50% of it is learning about the test and content, and 50% of it is a study group. Support will be provided to make a study plan and study resources will also be provided. Register here: https://forms.gle/dpsypUHnYMHGLxYT6. </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support resources for the free student study materials: • https://www.celpip.ca/celpip-teacher-support-pack/ • Link for Settlement organizations: http://celpip.ca/settlement <p>2) *Paragon Testing Support Resources: many of the resources are electronic and require a subscription (which has a time limit). When you sign up for an account with Paragon, you will get access to at least two free sets of tests. This can be a good starting point for tutors or for learners who are able to study independently.</p> <p><i>*Paragon Testing is the organization that develops and administers the CELPIP test. It was acquired by Prometric Canada Testing Services in April 2021; therefore, info is subject to change.</i></p> <p>Links to FREE SAMPLE Tests through Paragon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General: https://secure.paragontesting.ca/InstructionalProducts/FreeOnlineSampleTest/FOST • LS (Listening + Speaking): https://secure.paragontesting.ca/InstructionalProducts/FreeOnlineSampleTest/FOST2 • Paragon also periodically offers free "live" webinars about the CELPIP test for learners: https://www.celpip.ca/prepare-for-celpip/webinars-workshops/ <p>3) Libraries may have print materials you can access. The Whistler, Pemberton, and Squamish libraries have the Paragon study materials to borrow. Check your local library for further details.</p>
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<p>Preparation Options - continued</p>	<p>For questions on the Squamish Welcome Centre sessions, please email outreach@welcomesquamish.ca.</p> <p>6) LCC (ISSofBC's Language & Career College) offers online IELTS test prep classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Thursday, 4pm-6pm for six weeks for \$495 (special offer \$300; please use coupon code: special40) OR • Wednesdays 6:30pm-9:30pm for eight weeks for \$200 (special offer \$165; please use coupon code (until June 30, 2021: special35). • Note that there is an added \$100 one-time registration fee (\$30 for permanent residents or citizens). • Link for further info: https://lcc.issbc.org/our-program/test-preparation. 	<p>4) Local settlement services: Contact settlement services in Whistler, Squamish, and throughout the Sunshine Coast to register for one-to-one tutoring. This program matches learners to volunteer tutors for 2 hours a week at a location and time that suits learners. All learners have an assessment meeting to identify their goals. Request support with language test preparation.</p> <p>5) Ashton College has CELPIP prep courses and resources – see link for further details: https://www.ashtoncollege.ca/programs/celpip-preparation-program/</p> <p>6) LCC (ISSofBC's Language & Career College) offers test prep for all language proficiency tests in their online Academic English classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Thursday, 10am-12pm OR 1pm-3pm. The cost is \$495 for 6 weeks (special offer \$300; please use coupon code until June 30, 2021: special40). • Note that there is an added \$100 registration fee (\$30 for permanent residents or citizens). • Link for further info: https://lcc.issbc.org/our-program/test-preparation.
<p>Links for booking your test location:</p>		
<p>Sea to Sky</p>	<p>Take the IELTS test in or nearby Squamish: https://admissiontestportal.com/ielts/canada/british-columbia/squamish</p> <p>-closest test location is in Squamish IELTS test centre locations in Squamish: https://ielts.ca/british-columbia/squamish/</p>	<p>British Columbia – CELPIP: https://www.celpip.ca/region/british-columbia/</p> <p>-North Vancouver is the closest location North Shore Multicultural Society: https://nsms.ca/our-services/english-language-learning/</p>

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	<p><u>Bitts Testing Services</u> - located in Squamish: https://www.bitts.ca/ielts/testcentre-dates-venues/</p>	
Sunshine Coast	<p><u>IELTS in British Columbia Find Nearest Venue for IELTS Exam</u>: https://ielts.ca/british-columbia/</p> <p>-closest test locations are in Vancouver (registration is currently closed at Capilano University in North Vancouver)</p> <p><u>IELTS in Vancouver Find Nearest Test Centre For IELTS Exam</u>: https://ielts.ca/british-columbia/vancouver/</p>	<p>British Columbia - CELPIP: https://www.celpip.ca/region/british-columbia/</p> <p>-North Vancouver is the closest location</p> <p>North Shore Multicultural Society: https://nsms.ca/our-services/english-language-learning/</p>

LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) and IELTS & CELPIP:

The tasks learners do while studying in the LINC Program can help prepare test takers for both IELTS and CELPIP. The LINC format uses a similar format to the IELTS and CELPIP. For example, the below sample writing task is what learners practice in the Consumerism theme month:

Write an email to the restaurant's manager in about 150-200 words. Your email should do the following things:

- State what problems you had with the food you ordered.
- Complain about the service.
- Describe how you want the restaurant to resolve the problem to your satisfaction.

Visit the free sample test links above to see how the above example compares to the tests.

For further information on LINC in the Sea to Sky & Sunshine Coast, please contact ISSo/BC in Squamish at linc.squamish@issbc.org or 604-567-4490. For further info visit LINC in Sea-to-Sky & Sunshine Coast: <https://issbc.org/our-services/linc-sea-sky-sunshine-coast-communities>.

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Summary:

Both tests are equally good to be used for your immigration application.

IELTS is a good choice for test takers who prefer a face-to-face speaking component and less focus on timing. In addition, it is good for those applying from outside of Canada who may need international recognition of their language level.

CELPIP is a good choice for those who prefer a computer-based exam. CELPIP tests use a single North American English accent and vocabulary. It offers a shorter, one-hour, LS (Listening + Speaking) version for citizenship applicants. CELPIP offers a word-count and a spell check, which can be very helpful for writing tests. CELPIP can be challenging for some test takers. Each test component is timed: the listening requires test takers to choose an answer within a certain time; the speaking part of the test is timed while speaking into a computer screen.

Most important is that test takers need to decide what test is best for them, based on their personal preferences and needs.

Learners are recommended to do their research. Check out the different tests and prepare carefully for either test since they have quite specific structures and a quiz format that it helps to be familiar with ahead of time.

Information was gathered from the CELPIP and IELTS sites and the following link: <https://www.ashtoncollege.ca/celpip-versus-ielts-which-one-should-you-take/>. In addition, the following community partners were consulted and provided feedback:

Whistler Multicultural Society and Welcome Centre



Squamish Welcome Centre

