

Immigrating to Quebec

Tests and certificates assessing competency in French as a foreign language

Are you applying to immigrate to Quebec and do you want to test and gain formal recognition for your competency in the French language? You can choose from a range of options.

The Ministry of Immigration and Cultural Communities (MICC) in Quebec has accredited the TCF (Test de connaissance du français) for Quebec as a test of competency in the French language as part of an official immigration application. Furthermore, the Quebec authorities also recognise the **TCF accompanied by an oral test** as well as the **DELF** (Diplôme d'études en langue française) and **DALF** (Diplôme approfondi de langue française).

These qualifications have been developed by the Centre international d'études pédagogiques (CIEP), a national public institution under the French Ministry of Education. They are all standardised with the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*.

The TCF for Quebec

Launched in 2006, the TCF for Quebec was specifically designed to meet MICC standards and exclusively addresses the needs of those wishing to permanently settle in Quebec.

TCF for Quebec	Listening (30 items)	Duration: 30 minutes
	Speaking (6 questions)	Duration: 15 minutes

A certificate of attestation confirming your results is sent to you and your results are also directly transmitted by the CIEP to the MICC. You should, nevertheless, include this attestation in your immigration folder, even though the Ministry has your results.

Comment: the TCF for Quebec attestation is valid only as part of an immigration application. You cannot, for example, use it to join a French university.

The TCF with Oral Test

If you also wish to evaluate and receive formal recognition of your other French language competencies, the MICC also recognises the results of the TCF, on condition that it is supplemented by the Oral Test.

TCF	Listening (30 items)	Duration: 90 minutes
	Grammar (20 items)	
	Listening (30 items)	
	Speaking (6 questions)	Duration: 15 minutes

You may then append your attestation to your immigration application, instead of the TCF for Quebec.

Conditions for sitting the TCF and TCF for Quebec tests

No prior qualification is required to sit for the TCF and TCF for Quebec tests. Examination sessions are held throughout the year at over 700 CIEP-approved centres in over 140 countries. Certificates of attestation confirming your results are delivered in under 3 weeks to the centre where you sat the exams, and are valid for 2 years. It is your responsibility to contact the approved TCF centre nearest your home for information on examination dates, registration procedures, examination venues and fees.

For more information: www.ciep.fr/en/tcf/ and www.ciep.fr/en/tcf_quebec/



DELFL: Diplôme d'études en langue française DALFL: Diplôme approfondi de langue française

If your level of competency in French has already been tested and you wish to gain formal recognition of this through a qualification, you can also sit the DELFL or DALFL.

The DELFL and DALFL consist of 6 independent qualifications. Each certificate comprises tests in the 4 language skills: listening and speaking, reading and writing.

	DELFL/DALFL	CEFR	User	
Duration of exams	3hrs 30	DALFL C2	C2	advanced
	2hrs 30	DALFL C1	C1	
	4hrs 00	DELFL B2	B2	intermediate
	1hr 45	DELFL B1	B1	
	1hr 20	DELFL A2	A2	elementary
	1hr 40	DELFL A1	A1	

If you already hold a DELFL or DALFL, you may append it to your immigration application as proof of your language level.

Conditions for sitting the DELFL and DALFL

DELFL and DALFL qualifications may be sat for and obtained independently of each other, within the same country or in different countries. Each qualification is valid for life. You can register for and sit the tests directly at one of 1,000 examination centres operating worldwide.

For more information: www.ciep.fr/en/delfdalf/

Summary table of examinations and qualifications recognised by the Quebec Immigration Service

LEVEL OF FRENCH	EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION	COMPETENCIES TESTED	TYPE OF ATTESTATION
All levels	TCF for Quebec	2 compulsory tests: - Listening - Speaking	Attestation of level Valid for 2 years
All levels	TCF	4 compulsory tests: - Listening - Reading - Grammar (20 items) - Speaking <i>Compulsory for an Immigration application.</i>	Valid for 2 years
Advanced levels	DALFL C1-C2	4 compulsory tests: - Listening - Reading - Speaking - Writing	Valid for life
Intermediate levels	DELFL B1-B2		
Elementary levels	DELFL A1-A2		