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 (CEFRL).

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.

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.

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.

DELF: Diplôme d’études en langue française
DALF: 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 DELF or DALF. The DELF and DALF consist of 6 independent qualifications. Each certificate comprises tests in the 4 language skills: listening and speaking, reading and writing.

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

Conditions for sitting the DELF and DALF

DELF and DALF 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

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