



# SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST FORM

Paragon Testing Enterprises recognizes its responsibility to provide test takers with disabilities and health-related considerations full access to any CELPIP Test through reasonable and appropriate accommodations.

Individuals with documented disabilities that will impact their ability to take a CELPIP Test under standard testing conditions can request accommodations. As Paragon Testing considers each request on a case-by-case basis, submit your request prior to registration. Please submit your request to [specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca](mailto:specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca). We cannot guarantee accommodations for any registrations made prior to approval from our office.

Medical documentation **must** accompany any Special Accommodation Request Form. This medical documentation can come in the form of a formal written medical report or a detailed letter from a medical professional qualified to diagnose, treat, and provide relevant accommodation suggestions. Medical documentation must be in English and should not be any older than five years. The report or letter must include the following:

- The professional's name, title, contact details, license/association number, and original signature.
- Date of initial examination and any subsequent follow-up.
- The nature of the medical diagnosis/disability.
- A detailed explanation of the functional impact of the disability.
- Affirmation that the medical professional has reviewed any/all parts of the relevant CELPIP Test and that they are familiar with its format and difficulty.
- Relevant accommodation suggestions, along with a detailed rationale for each accommodation requested.

Attached to this document is the Guidelines for Medical Evaluators. Please provide your medical professional with these pages as it may aid them in drafting your medical documentation.

**Please submit the Special Accommodation Request, medical documentation, and any subsequent documentation at the same time.** Please submit your request and medical documentation to [specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca](mailto:specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca). To speed up the process, please attach the Request Form and Medical Documentation as two separate documents rather than one large one. Please submit all requests as early as possible as wait times are dependent on multiple factors. Special Accommodation Requests can take up to two months to schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca](mailto:specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca).



Please fill out the Special Accommodation Request Form list below to the best of your abilities and in as much detail as possible. Remember to submit the Special Accommodation Request Form along with your medical documentation and any subsequent documents. Please submit the Special Accommodation Request Form and accompanying medical documentation to [specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca](mailto:specialaccommodations@paragontesting.ca). As we assess each request on a case-by-case basis, we require a separate Special Accommodation Request Form for each test registration.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:  PROVINCE:  POSTAL CODE:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

## TEST INFORMATION

TEST TYPE:  CELPIP-GENERAL  CELPIP-GENERAL LS

## NATURE OF DISABILITY

- Blindness/Visual Impairment
- Deaf/Hearing Impairment
- Physical Disability & Chronic Health Conditions
- Learning Disability
- Other

DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR DISABILITY, ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTED AND RATIONALE FOR EACH ACCOMMODATION

TEST TAKER'S SIGNATURE

DATE: (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)



## **GUIDANCE FOR MEDICAL EVALUATORS — I**

Paragon Testing Enterprises recognizes its responsibility to provide test takers with disabilities and health-related considerations full access to any CELPIP Test through reasonable and appropriate accommodations. In order to arrange these specially accommodated tests, Paragon relies on the aid of certified medical specialists to recommend the most appropriate accommodations.

### **What is a CELPIP Test?**

There are two types of CELPIP Tests: The CELPIP-General and the CELPIP-General LS Test. The CELPIP-General Test is a three-hour test of an individual's reading, writing, listening, and speaking proficiency. The CELPIP-General LS Test is an hour long test of an individual's listening and speaking proficiency.

All CELPIP Tests are computer-based; they are not compatible with an in-person evaluator. The tests require the use of a keyboard, headset, and mouse. Test takers remain seated through the duration of the test and may not interact with those around them. There is no food or drink permitted at workstations. While we do permit bathroom breaks, the test timer will continue to run.

The test font size ranges from 12-15. Test takers may need to view pictures, graphs, news clippings, etc., throughout their test. Test takers must read the prompts themselves.

### **What We Require**

Medical documentation must accompany any Special Accommodation Request Form. This medical documentation must come from a medical professional qualified to diagnose, treat, and provide relevant accommodation suggestions. The report or letter must include the following:

- The professional's name, title, contact details, license/association number, and original signature.
- Date of initial examination and any subsequent follow-up.
- The nature of the medical diagnosis/disability.
- A detailed explanation of the functional impact of the disability.
- Affirmation that the medical professional has reviewed any/all parts of the relevant CELPIP Test and that they are familiar with its format and difficulty.
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## **GUIDANCE FOR MEDICAL EVALUATORS — II**

### **Possible Accommodations**

Paragon Testing Enterprises strives to find and provide the most appropriate accommodations for test takers wishing to take a CELPIP Test. As a computer-based test, there are some limitations to what accommodations are possible. Below are examples of commonly requested accommodations:

When recommending specific accommodations, please remember to give a detailed explanation of how the accommodation relates to the specific functional limitation(s) of the test taker. If the test taker has multiple conditions that require accommodations, make sure to clearly state both the condition and explanation for each accommodation separately.

- Private Room
- Additional time (25%, 50%, 100%)
- Scheduled breaks
- Drinks and/or water in test room
- Specialized rating for speech issues
- Test form for the visually impaired
- Use of assisted listening devices
- Reader
- Scribe

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### **Questions or Concerns**

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