

Guidebook for Agents & Prep Providers

*The CAEL and CELPIP Tests are Canada's
leading English proficiency tests for studying
in and immigrating to Canada.*



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About Us

Founded in 2009, Paragon, a Prometric company, currently administers two tests:

- The Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) Test
- The Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Test

Our mission is to make its English language proficiency tests the tests of choice for those wishing to immigrate to Canada, become Canadian citizens, or study in Canada at all levels. To achieve this mission, we conduct ongoing test research in collaboration with internationally recognized scholars at Canada's leading universities. This test research program ensures the highest quality tests and enables us to compete with large international testing agencies.

In 2015, Paragon purchased the CAEL Assessment from Carleton University, and in 2017, successfully converted the test to a computer-delivered version known as CAEL CE (Computer Edition). In 2020, we introduced a version of CAEL that could be taken securely and safely from a test taker's home computer, CAEL Online, which is now available in an expanding number of territories. We are currently focused on the international expansion of its tests, with recently opened test centres in the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America, India, the Philippines, Singapore, and China, with additional test centres opening internationally in the coming years.

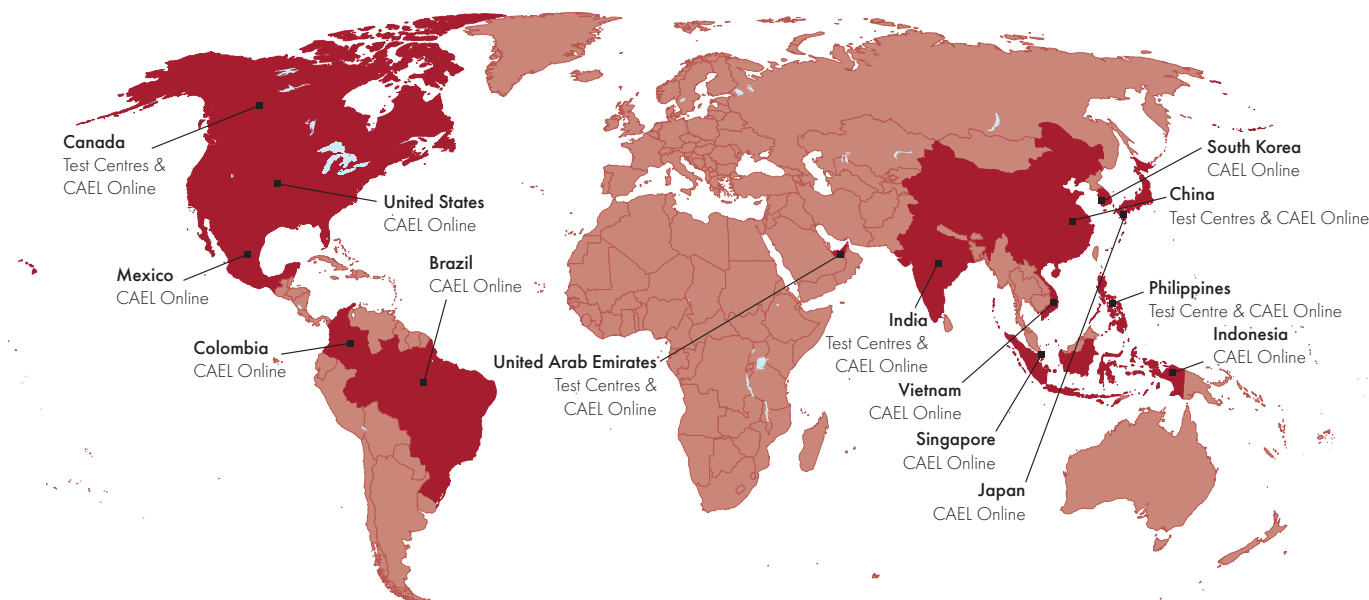
Testing in Canada & Around the World

We have over 100 CELPIP and CAEL test centres around the world.

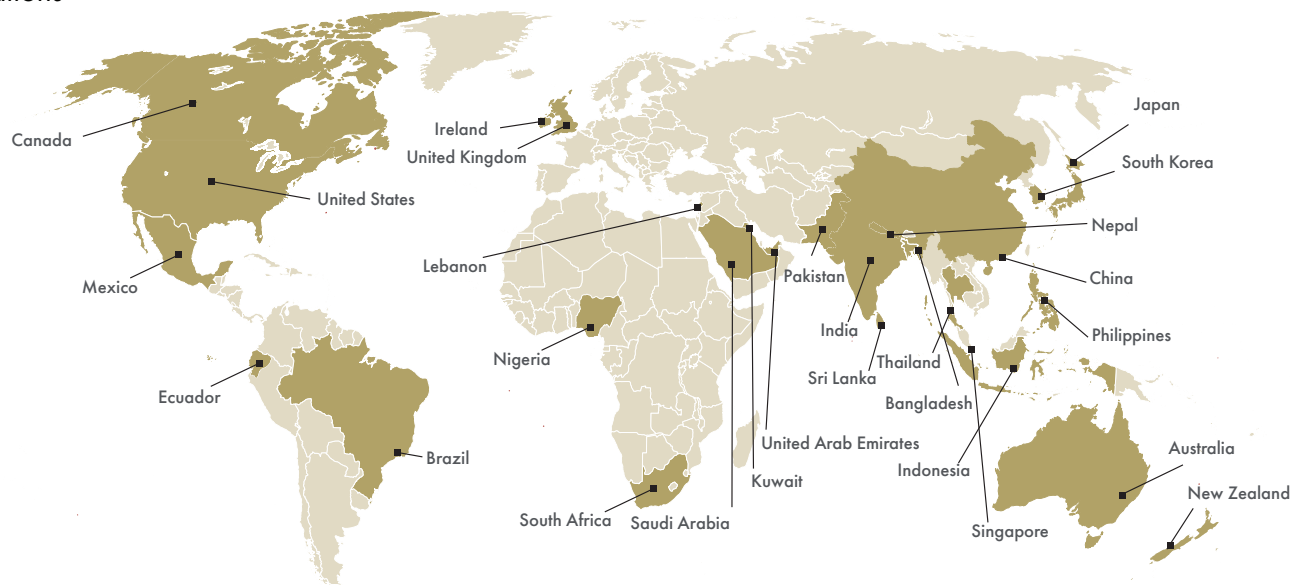
To view all testing locations for the CELPIP-General and CELPIP-LS Tests, visit celPIP.ca

To view all testing locations for CAEL and CAEL Online, visit cael.ca

CAEL locations



CELPIP locations



How We Work with our Partners

For individuals and organizations looking for partnership benefits, Paragon is introducing the Network Program. This program will provide members with incentives for following business practices that align with Paragon values. The features of the the program include:



Region-specific test registration incentives



Exclusive Pricing and Discounts on Study Materials



Trusted & Convenient Portal



Featured on the Official Website



Co-Branding Opportunities



Workshops & Webinars



Tiered Instructor training



Digital Study Materials

Apply at cael.ca/network or celpip.ca/network



Admission Criteria

Paragon works closely with organizations around the world to ensure that our partners are of the highest quality, and are able to maintain test taker and stakeholder trust in our tests. Prior to joining the Network Program, all applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ✔ Provide a professional website and email address (no gmail or yahoo accounts will be accepted)
- ✔ Provide relevant accreditations, professional designations, or membership in business chambers, professional associations (such as RCIC, Languages Canada, CICC, etc.), and other accrediting bodies.
- ✔ Applicants who are looking to provide a preparation program must participate in Instructor Training

Application Process

In order to ensure all submissions are reviewed in a fair and timely manner, the following process has been created to apply for the Network Program:

- ✔ Fill out the application form at cael.ca/network or celPIP.ca/network
- ✔ Provide information requested paying close attention to contact details
- ✔ Applicants will be contacted by Paragon Staff for follow-up questions prior to approval
- ✔ Applicants will begin at the Silver partnership tier, and will be able to advance to higher tiers

Network Ecosystem

As an essential component of our customer ecosystem, members contribute key services to our clients, and are a valuable link between test takers and their goals for studying abroad.



Reminder!

Members can purchase test registrations in bulk at a discounted rate.

Membership Review

To maintain consistently high levels of engagement with our partners, Paragon will work with members on an annual basis to ensure the program is working for all parties involved. This annual membership review includes:

- ✔ Adherence to Branding Guidelines
- ✔ Customer Service Satisfaction survey from Paragon
- ✔ Sustained flow of referrals/registered test takers from affiliate links
- ✔ Applicants who provide a preparation program must complete an IPP audit

To learn more about the Network Program, contact memberteam@prometric.com.

About CAEL

Why Choose CAEL

CAEL is the only test that provides an authentic representation of language use in a Canadian academic context. It evaluates how well students combine their English speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills to perform academic tasks that they would encounter at a Canadian university or college.

CAEL is now accepted by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for the Student Direct Stream (SDS). Test takers can now use their CAEL test results from a test centre in applications for expedited study permits.

Test Features



Acceptance Across Canada

Accepted by over 180 Canadian universities and colleges, including all of the English U15 institutions



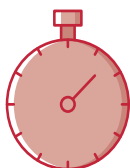
Quick Online Results

Available online in 8 business days, sent to 5 institutions at no extra cost



Computer-delivered Test

Includes features such as a personal timer & word counter



Single Test Sitting

Taken in a single 3-hour sitting with no separate Speaking test



Convenient Study Materials

Free sample tests, pretest sittings, webinars, prep programs & online courses



Online Availability

CAEL is available as an online test in certain regions, including North America

Accepting Institutions

CAEL is accepted by over 180 institutions across Canada for academic admission, as well as by several professional organizations for certification.



CAEL is accepted by 100% of the English-speaking Universities Canada institutions that accept international students.



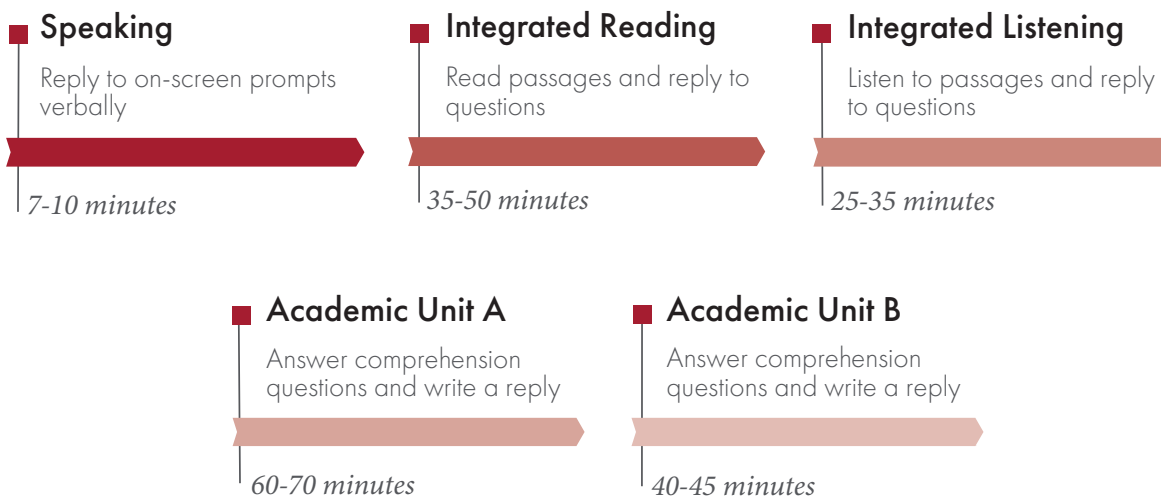
CAEL is accepted by 85% of the English-speaking CiCan institutions that accept international students.

CAEL Test Format

CAEL assesses English language proficiency in an academic context. Test takers receive scores for the Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing components, as well as an overall score.

The test includes activities that students engage in during post-secondary study. The topics and tasks in the test are taken from first-year university courses. Some of these tasks will require test takers to use what they have read and listened to in order to answer a question by speaking or writing their response.

CAEL is fully computer delivered, providing test takers the opportunity to complete all test components in one sitting, and is available in some regions as an online test, allowing test takers to complete the entire test from their home computer.



Test Fees & Frequency in Canada

\$290
+ Taxes

Test sittings are available twice monthly in Canada, with monthly test sessions in all cities, and may vary by region.

Free
Practice

CAEL Practice Tests

Two free complete practice tests to help test takers understand their proficiency level and where they need to focus their preparation.

International Fees

International test fees may vary. For a complete listing of upcoming test sittings and test fees, visit cael.ca.

CAEL Test Format

CAEL is fully computer delivered, providing test takers the opportunity to complete all test components in one sitting with no additional appointments, interviews, or test sittings required. CAEL test takers use a computer mouse and keyboard to complete Reading and Writing tasks on the test. They also use a computer microphone and headset to complete the Listening and Speaking tasks. Computerized tests offer test takers a quick and reliable testing experience.

The total test time for CAEL is about 3 ½ hours.

Part 1: Speaking 7-10 minutes

Test takers will reply to on-screen prompts verbally. This component is evaluated on your:

- ✓ Content of response to the speaking tasks
- ✓ Accuracy of the language used in your response
- ✓ Ability to reference details in a visual image (if present)

Part 2: Integrated Reading 35-50 minutes

Test takers will read passages and reply to questions. This component assesses your ability to:

- ✎ Comprehend the general meaning of the passage
- ✎ Identify specific information in the passage
- ✎ Make inferences based on information in the passage

Part 3: Integrated Listening 25-35 minutes

Test takers will listen to passages and reply to questions. This component assesses your ability to:

- ✎ Comprehend the general meaning of the passage
- ✎ Identify specific information in the passage
- ✎ Make inferences based on information in the passage

Part 4: Academic Unit A 60-70 minutes

Test takers will answer comprehension questions and write a reply. This section includes:

- ✎ One reading passage with comprehension questions
- ✎ One listening passage with comprehension questions
- ✎ One writing question requiring an extended response, using material from both the reading passage and the listening passage.

Part 5: Academic Unit B 40-45 minutes

Test takers will answer comprehension questions and write a reply. This section includes:

- ✎ One reading passage with comprehension questions
- ✎ One listening passage with comprehension questions
- ✎ One writing question requiring a short response, using material from the reading passage or the listening passage.

CAEL Scores

After completing CAEL, test takers receive a score report that details individual English proficiency scores for the Speaking, Reading, Listening, and Writing components as well as an overall score. CAEL scores are reported on a scale from 10 to 90, with accompanying descriptors of what this performance represents. The overall score is calculated as an equally weighted average of the four component scores rounded to the nearest ten-point interval.

Accepted CAEL score range	CAEL Score	CAEL Band Descriptor	IELTS Score
	80–90	Expert: Demonstrates a high level of competence, accuracy, and effectiveness in academic/professional settings	8.0
	70	Adept: Uses generally accurate language in most settings; some limitations in flexibility are evident	7.0
	60	Advanced: Displays competence in academic or professional settings	6.5
	50	High Intermediate: Exhibits some competence in academic or professional settings; communication may break down in places	6.0
	40	Intermediate: Demonstrates some ability to comprehend and articulate complex ideas and arguments typical of academic or professional settings	5.5
	30	High Beginner: Expresses basic ideas about familiar topics in routine settings	4.5
	10–20	Low Beginner: Communicates with limited ability	–

CAEL Scholarships

\$30,000

Available in scholarships

CAEL scholarships are available for international students, ranging from \$15,000 to \$5000, to students currently studying in Canada, and to students currently studying overseas. Visit cael.ca/scholarships to learn more, view the eligibility criteria, and the application deadlines.

Eligibility Requirements

Submitted the CAEL Test for admissions to a Canadian university or college as proof of English language proficiency	✓
Achieved a score of 60 or higher on CAEL	✓
Completed the essay submission	✓
Admitted or enrolled at a Canadian post-secondary institution	✓

Accepting Institutions

Acadia University
 Ascenda School of Management
 Alberta College of Art & Design
 Alexander College
 Algoma University
 Algonquin College
 Ambrose University
 Ashton College
 Assiniboine Community College
 Athabasca University
 Bishop's University
 Bow Valley College
 Brandon University
 Brescia University College
 Briercrest College and Seminary
 Brighton College
 British Columbia Institute of Technology
 Brock University
 Burman University
 Campion College
 Canadian Business College
 Canadian College
 Canadian College of Health Science and Technology
 Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine
 Canadian Health Care Academy
 Canadian Mennonite University
 Canadore College
 Cape Breton University
 Capilano University
 Carleton University
 Carlton Trail College
 Centennial College
 Central Helicopter Training Academy
 Coast Mountain College
 College of New Caledonia
 College of the Rockies
 College of Veterinarians of Ontario
 Columbia College
 Concordia University
 Concordia University of Edmonton
 Conestoga College
 Coquitlam College
 Corpus Christi College
 Crandall University
 Cumberland College
 Cypress College
 Dalhousie University
 Douglas College
 Durham College
 Eastern College
 Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design
 Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Fanshawe College
 First Nations University of Canada
 Fleming College
 Gateway College
 George Brown College
 Georgian College
 Grandesco College
 Great Lakes Helicopter Corp.
 Great Plains College
 Helicopters Canada – Flight Training School

Holland College
 Horizon College & Seminary
 Humber College
 Huron at Western
 IH Career College
 Imperial Hotel Management College
 Kemptville College
 Keyano College
 Keyin College
 KLC College
 Kwantlen Polytechnic University
 Lakehead University
 Lakeland College
 Langara College
 Laurentian University
 Lethbridge College
 Loyalist College
 Luther College
 MacEwan University
 Makami College Inc.
 Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology
 McGill University
 McKenzie College School of Art & Design
 McMaster University
 Medicine Hat College
 Memorial University of Newfoundland
 Menno Simons College
 Metropolitan Community College
 Mohawk College
 Mount Allison University
 Mount Royal University
 Mount Saint Vincent University
 New Brunswick Community College
 Niagara College
 Nipissing University
 NorQuest College
 North Island College
 North West College
 Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
 Northern Lakes College
 Northern Lights College
 Nova Scotia Community College
 NSCAD University
 OCAD University
 Okanagan College
 Olds College
 Oulton College
 Pacific Coast Community College
 Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences
 Parkland College
 Pharma-Medical Science College of Canada
 Portage College
 Protege School
 Queen's University
 Red Deer College
 Redeemer University
 Renison University College
 Rhodes Wellness College
 Royal Roads University
 Ryerson University
 Saint Elizabeth Health Career Colleges
 Saint Mary's University

Saint Paul University
 Saskatchewan Polytechnic
 Saskatoon Business College Ltd.
 Sault College
 Selkirk College
 Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology
 Simon Fraser University
 Southeast College
 Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
 St. Clair College
 St. Francis Xavier University
 St. Jerome's University
 St. Lawrence College
 St. Mary's University
 St. Peter's College
 St. Stephen's College
 St. Thomas Flight Centre
 St. Thomas More College
 St. Thomas University
 Stanford International College of Business and Technology
 The King's University College
 Thompson Rivers University
 Trent University
 Trinity Western University
 triOS College
 UBC Vantage College
 University of Alberta
 University of British Columbia
 University of Calgary
 University of Guelph
 University of King's College
 University of Lethbridge
 University of Manitoba
 University of New Brunswick
 University of Northern British Columbia
 University of Ontario Institute of Technology
 University of Ottawa
 University of Prince Edward Island
 University of Regina
 University of Saskatchewan
 University of St. Michael's College
 University of Sudbury
 University of the Fraser Valley
 University of Toronto
 University of Victoria
 University of Waterloo
 University of Windsor
 University of Winnipeg
 Vancouver Community College
 Vancouver Island University
 Victoria University
 Western Community College
 Western University
 Westminster College
 Wholistic Health Training & Research Centre
 Wilfrid Laurier University
 York University
 Yorkville University



Reminder!

For an updated list of accepting institutions,
 visit our website:
cael.ca/who-accepts-cael

About CELPIP

Why Choose CELPIP

The CELPIP Tests are Canada's leading English language proficiency tests. Since all components are completely computer-delivered in just one sitting, it offers a unique testing experience that requires no additional appointments. The computer-delivered Speaking component allows test takers to demonstrate their English proficiency without the possible confounding effects associated with human interaction, as used in other testing systems.

CELPIP is now accepted by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for the Student Direct Stream (SDS). Test takers can now use their CELPIP test results from a test centre in applications for expedited study permits.

Test Features



Computer-delivered Test

Done in just one sitting and includes features such as a personal timer, word counter, and spell-check



Quick Online Results

Available to test takers online in just 4 to 5 calendar days



Accessible Study Materials

Sample Tests, videos, online information sessions, and online preparation courses



Single Test Sitting

Taken in a single 3-hour sitting with no separate Speaking test



Single North American Accent

Easy-to-understand English and vocabulary taken from everyday situations



Online Identification System

Test taker identity verification system that allows you to directly validate identity and scores

Accepting Organizations

The CELPIP Tests are officially accepted by several governments, professional organizations, and employers. The CELPIP Tests currently prove English language proficiency for:

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC):
 - Permanent Resident Status
 - Canadian Citizenship
 - Canadian Experience Class (CEC)
 - Federal Skilled Trades Program (FSTP)
 - Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP)
 - Start-up Visa Program
 - Various Provincial Nominee Programs
- Alberta Human Services – Child Care Staff Certification
- Alberta Institute of Massage
- BC Health Care Assistant (HCA) Program
- College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (CICC)
- NorQuest College ELP (English Language Proficiency)
- Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA)
- Real Estate Council of British Columbia (RECBC)
- Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission
- Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission (SREC)
- TLC-Edmonton Training for Foreign Caregivers

For a complete list of organizations that accept CELPIP scores, visit celPIP.ca.

CELPIP Test Format & Price

The CELPIP Test is available in two versions: the CELPIP-General Test and the CELPIP-General LS Test. The CELPIP-General Test has four components—Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking,—and the CELPIP-General LS Test has two components—Listening and Speaking.

The CELPIP Test is fully computer delivered, providing test takers the opportunity to complete all test components in one sitting with no additional appointments, interviews, or test sittings required. CELPIP Test Takers use a computer mouse and keyboard to complete Reading and Writing components of the test, and a computer microphone and headset to complete the Listening and Speaking components. Computerized tests offer test takers a quick and reliable testing experience.

CELPIP-General Test Format & Price

\$290
+ Taxes

Total test time is about 3 hours, and is done in one sitting. Test sittings are available every week in Canada and internationally, including evening and weekend sittings.

Listening

Listen to passages and answer questions

47–55 minutes

Reading

Read passages and answer questions

55–60 minutes

Writing

Respond to questions with written answers

53–60 minutes

Speaking

Reply to on-screen prompts verbally

15–20 minutes

CELPIP-General LS Test Format & Price

Only in Canada

\$195
+ Taxes

Total test time is about 1 hour, and is done in one sitting. Test sittings are available every week in Canada, including evening and weekend sittings.

Listening

Listen to passages and answer questions

47–55 minutes

Speaking

Reply to on-screen prompts verbally

15–20 minutes

International test fees may vary. For a complete listing of upcoming test sittings and test fees, visit celPIP.ca.

CELPIP Band Scores

Each component of the CELPIP-General Test and the CELPIP-General LS Test is given a CELPIP level. Below is a chart of each CELPIP level and its corresponding description, along with the equivalent IELTS score levels for comparison.

CELPIP Score	IELTS Score	CELPIP Score Descriptor
12	-	Advanced proficiency in workplace and community contexts
11	-	Advanced proficiency in workplace and community contexts
10	8.0	Highly effective proficiency in workplace and community contexts
9	7.0	Effective proficiency in workplace and community contexts
8	6.5	Good proficiency in workplace and community contexts
7	6.0	Adequate proficiency in workplace and community contexts
6	5.0	Developing proficiency in workplace and community contexts
5	4.0	Acquiring proficiency in workplace and community contexts
4	3.5	Adequate proficiency for daily life activities
3	-	Some proficiency in limited contexts of personal relevance
2	-	Limited ability in contexts related to immediate needs
1	-	Insufficient information to assess
0	-	Minimal proficiency or insufficient information to assess
NA	-	Not Administered: test taker did not receive this test component

How Test Takers Access Test Results

Test takers can easily access their CAEL results online. Test results are available in just 8 business days after the CAEL Test has been completed. For test takers applying to a number of institutions, CAEL results are sent directly to the institution, and test takers can select up to 5 institutions to receive their scores at no extra cost. With the CAEL Scores and Identity Verification System, institutions can directly verify test taker scores, ensuring the safe and accurate transmission of test taker scores to their institutions of choice.

CELPIP Test scores are available online through a CELPIP Account in 4–5 calendar days after a test date. Test takers will also be notified that their scores are ready via email, and can choose to receive SMS notifications about their scores as well. Test takers will receive two print copies of the Official CELPIP Score Report via registered mail



Account Dashboard

Test takers can sign into their accounts to see their results



Updates via Email

Test takers will receive test day confirmations and score results via email



Updates via SMS

Test takers can select to receive SMS updates when their CELPIP scores are available



Quick Online Results

CELPIP scores are available to test takers online in 4 – 5 calendar days.



Direct to Institutions

Test takers select the organizations that will receive CAEL scores during test registration

Contact Us

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