

Guidebook for Test Takers

CELPIP is the test of choice for immigration and professional designation.

CELPIP 

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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, CELPIP is a unique testing experience that requires no additional appointments. The computer-delivered Speaking component allows you to demonstrate your English proficiency without experiencing the anxiety or self-consciousness that often accompany the interview-style Speaking assessments employed by other testing systems.

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 2 to 4 business days



Free Study Materials

Sample tests, videos, webinars, YouTube lessons, and more



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

CELP^{IP} Test Format

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.

The CELPIP-General LS Test has two components: Listening and Speaking.

CELP^{IP}-General Test Format & Price

\$290 Total test time is about 3 hours, and is done in one sitting.
+ Taxes

Listening

Listen to passages and answer questions
46-55 minutes

Reading

Read passages and answer
43-56 minutes

Writing

Respond to questions with written answers
53 minutes

Speaking

Reply to on-screen prompts verbally
15 minutes

CELP^{IP}-General LS Test Format & Price

\$195 Total test time is about 1 hour, and is done in one sitting.
+ Taxes

Only in Canada 

Listening

Listen to passages and answer questions
46-55 minutes

Speaking

Reply to on-screen prompts verbally
15 minutes

CELPIP Components



1. Listening

Number of Questions

Component Sections

8	Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving
5	Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation
6	Part 3: Listening for Information
5	Part 4: Listening to a News
8	Part 5: Listening to a Discussion
6	Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints



2. Reading

Number of Questions

Component Sections

11	Part 1: Reading Correspondence
8	Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram
9	Part 3: Reading for Information
10	Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Note: the Listening and/or Reading Tests may contain unscored content used for test development. This can be found anywhere within the Listening and/or Reading Tests and will have the same format as the scored content. You will not be able to tell scored content from unscored content, so apply your best effort to the entire test. Time spent on unscored content is included in the total test time and does not take time away from scored tasks.



3. Writing

Number of Questions

Component Sections

1	Task 1: Writing an Email
1	Task 2: Responding to Survey Questions



4. Speaking

Number of Questions

Component Sections

1	Task 1: Giving Advice
1	Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience
1	Task 3: Describing a Scene
1	Task 4: Making Predictions
1	Task 5: Comparing and Persuading
1	Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation
1	Task 7: Expressing Opinions
1	Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

CELPIP Levels

Understanding Your Test Scores

The chart below shows how CELPIP scores correspond to CLB, CEFR, and DHA English proficiency levels.

CELPIP Test Level Descriptor	CELPIP Level	CLB Level	CEFR Level	Australia DHA Level
Expert proficiency in high-stakes social, educational, or workplace contexts	12	12	C2	Superior English – At least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CELPIP 10 for Listening • CELPIP 10 for Reading • CELPIP 12 for Writing • CELPIP 10 for Speaking
Advanced proficiency in high-stakes social, educational, or workplace contexts	11	11	C1	
Highly effective proficiency in some high-stakes social, educational, or workplace contexts	10	10	C1	Proficient English – At least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CELPIP 9 for Listening • CELPIP 8 for Reading • CELPIP 10 for Writing • CELPIP 8 for Speaking
Effective proficiency in some high-stakes social, educational, or workplace contexts	9	9	B2	
Good proficiency in more demanding social, educational, or workplace contexts	8	8	B2	
Adequate proficiency in somewhat demanding social, educational, or workplace contexts	7	7	B2	Competent English – At least a CELPIP 7 for each component
Developing proficiency everyday social, educational, or workplace contexts	6	6	B1	
Acquiring proficiency in everyday social, educational, or workplace contexts	5	5	B1	Vocational English – at least a CELPIP 5 for each component
Adequate proficiency for daily life activities	4	4	A2	/
Some proficiency in limited contexts	3	3	A2	/
Limited ability in contexts related to immediate needs	2	1,2	A1	/
Insufficient information to assess	1	/	/	/
Insufficient information to assess	0	/	/	/
Not Administered: test taker did not receive this test component	NA	/	/	/

Easy Online Registration

Registering for CELPIP online is fast and easy:

1

Create a CELPIP Account

Visit celPIP.ca and click on the "Sign In" link at the top of the page. This will take you to the account page, where you can create a CELPIP account.

2

Sign into a CELPIP Account

After creating a new CELPIP account or signing into an existing account, you can register for a test.

3

Register for CELPIP

During registration, select the country, region, and city in which you will take the CELPIP Test. You can then choose an available test centre and testing date.

4

Choose the identification to bring

You can choose the type of personal identification that you will provide on test day from a list of acceptable identification choices.

5

Confirm information and payment option

You can pay via credit card online, or submit a paper test registration form through the mail with an alternative form of payment.

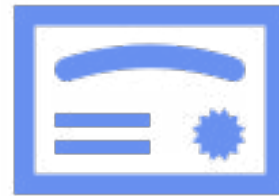
Viewing Test Results

CELPIP Test scores are available online through your CELPIP account 2-4 business days after your test date. You will also be notified that your scores are ready via email, and can choose to receive SMS notifications about your scores as well. Test takers will receive two print copies of the Official CELPIP Score Report via registered mail, with priority shipping available.



Updates via SMS

You can choose to receive SMS updates when your CELPIP scores are available



Quick Online Results

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Updates via Email

You will receive test day confirmations and score results via email

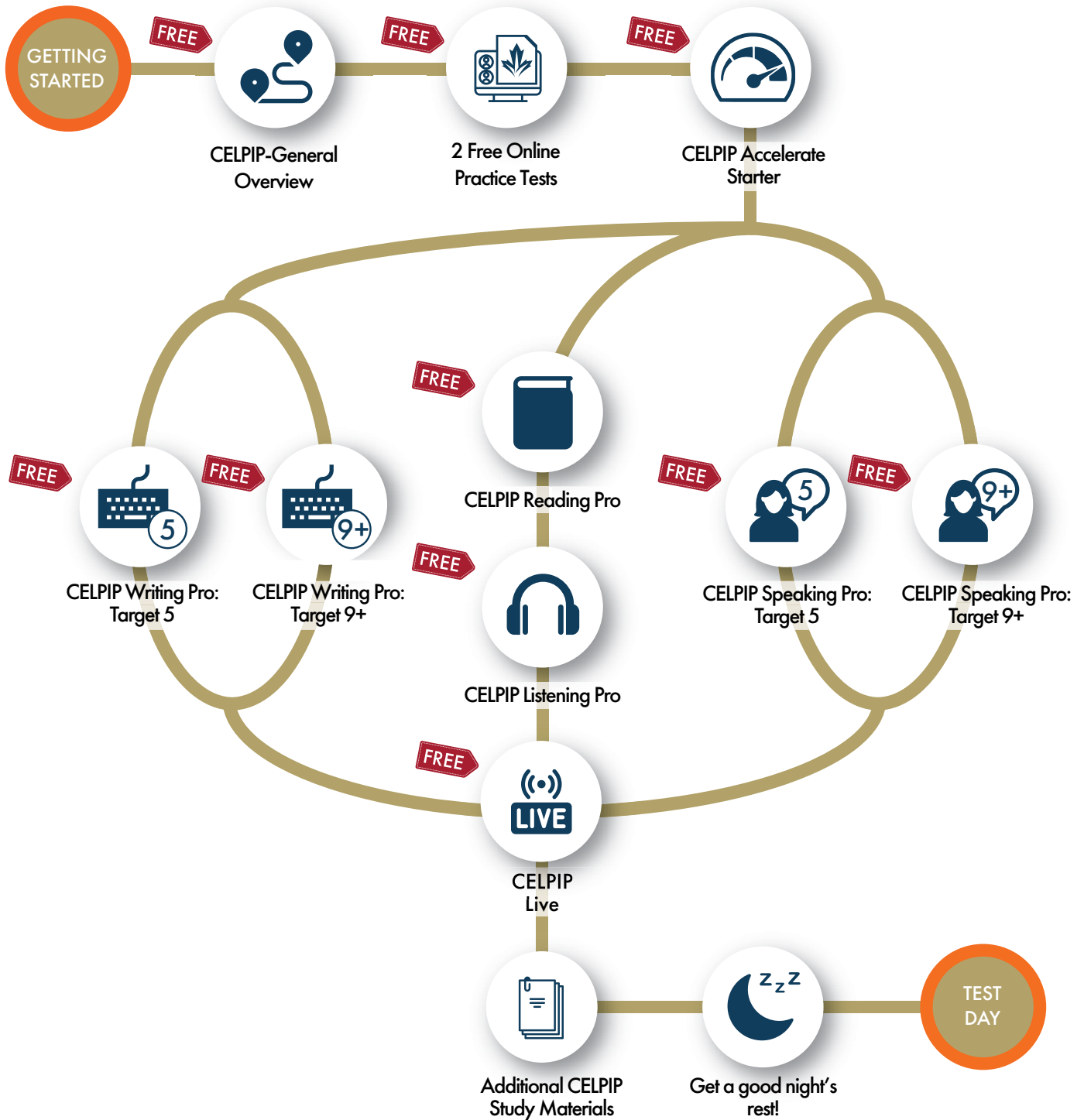


Account Dashboard

You can sign into your account at celPIP.ca to see your results

CELPPIP Path to Success

To help you prepare for your CELPIP test, we recommend this learning path that includes over 15 hours of free webinars, as well as 2 free practice tests. We also offer a variety of other free resources, as well as study materials for purchase on our online store. See pages 10-11 of this Guidebook to learn more about our prep options. For more information about our learning path, visit celpip.ca/prepare-for-celpip/prep-overview.



Free CELPIP Prep



2 Free CELPIP Practice

2 complete online sample tests with answer keys and Listening transcripts, available [here](#).



CELPIP Webinars

8 live, interactive lessons that cover test content, prep strategies, scoring, and sample responses. Register [here](#). Recordings available on YouTube [here](#).



CELPIP Accelerate Starter

A free sample of our full Accelerate course, automatically provided to registered test takers. Videos, PDFs, quizzes, and more!



CELPIP Live on YouTube

YouTube livestreams covering a wide range of topics, from CELPIP response analysis and test prep to life in Canada. Subscribe and access the episode playlist [here](#).



AMAs on Instagram

Q&A sessions hosted by a CELPIP expert. Subscribe to our Instagram, get notified about upcoming episodes, and join them live [here](#).

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Highly effective proficiency in some high-stakes social, educational, or workplace contexts	10	10	B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficient English - All tests CELPIP for Listening CELPIP for Reading CELPIP for Writing CELPIP for Speaking
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Adequate proficiency in some social, educational, or workplace contexts	7	7	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competent English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Developing proficiency in many social, educational, or workplace contexts	6	6	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competent English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Approaching proficiency in some social, educational, or workplace contexts	5	5	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Adequate proficiency for daily life activities	4	4	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Some proficiency in limited contexts	3	3	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Limited ability in contexts related to immediate needs	2	2	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Insufficient information to assess	1	1	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Insufficient information to assess	0	0	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful English - All tests & CELPIP for each component
Not administered level (user did not receive this test component)	N/A	0	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful English - All tests & CELPIP for each component

CELPIP Score Comparison Chart

Downloadable PDF lists of required skills for each CELPIP Level in Writing and Speaking, plus 2 sample responses at each CELPIP level (M to 12) with analysis of how the test taker achieved it. Find it [here](#).



The Official CELPIP Podcast

Episodes featuring expert presenters and guests sharing CELPIP prep tips. Listen here or on any podcast app. Episodes include transcripts and show notes.

Paid Prep Products



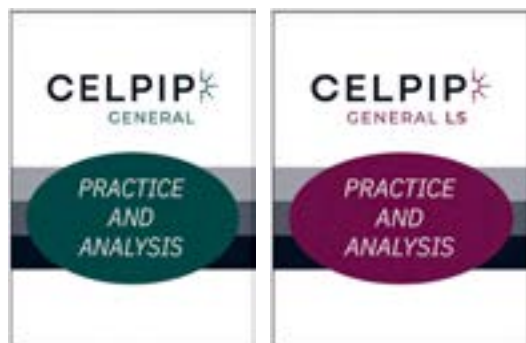
Online Practice Tests

Complete online tests sold in sets of 2, with Listening transcripts and detailed answer keys. One test from each set includes sample Writing and Speaking responses with analysis



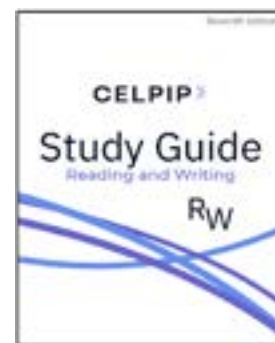
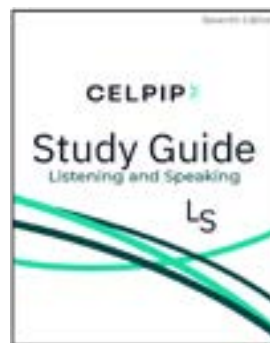
CELPIP Accelerate

A self-directed online course that includes over 30 hours of material in the form of videos, quizzes, worksheets, and the content of a complete practice test



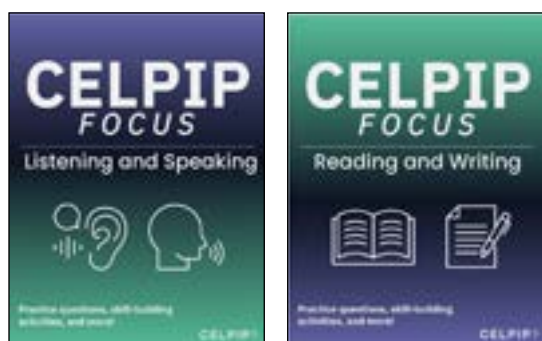
CELPIP Practice & Analysis

A complete practice test, plus detailed analysis of the Listening and Reading questions, sample Writing and Speaking responses with analysis, and suggested prep strategies



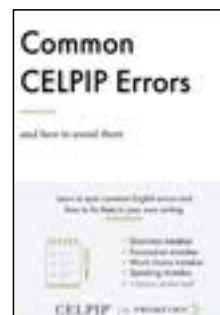
CELPIP Study Guides

Ebooks covering skills, strategies, and CELPIP practice exercises framed around the content of a complete practice test



CELPIP Focus

Interactive ebooks that include a wide range of tips, strategies, and CELPIP-focused skill-building activities, as well as practice questions



Common CELPIP Errors

Ebook that discusses 30 commonly made grammar, punctuation, vocabulary, and speaking mistakes and how to avoid them

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
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