What is a Language Assessment?

After you apply for LINC, you will take a free English assessment. This is not a pass or fail test—it simply helps us place you in the right LINC class based on your English level.

The assessment will measure your skills in:

Writing Listening Speaking Reading

- You will receive a score for each skill, called a CLB level (Canadian Language Benchmark).
- These scores help determine the most suitable class for you. Your CLB levels may vary for each skill, and the assessor will use your results to recommend the most appropriate class placement.
- Important: This assessment is only for placement into a LINC class. It cannot be used for citizenship applications, employment, or admission to other educational programs.

How to apply?

To begin the process, contact one of the following Language Assessment & Referral Centres:

Vancouver & Richmond

Vancouver Language Assessment and Referral Centre
#208 – 2525 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4C1
Tel: 604-876-5756
Fax: 604-876-0134
Email: lincinfo@vanlac.ca
Website: www.vanlac.ca

Surrey, Delta, Langley, Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, North Vancouver & West Vancouver

Options Language Assessment and Referral Centre
Surrey:
13520 78th Avenue
Surrey, B.C. V3W 8J6
Tel: 604-547-3322
Fax: 604-547-3330
Email: linc.assessment@options.bc.ca
Website: https://larc.options.bc.ca

Coquitlam:
#407 – 2963 Glen Drive
Coquitlam, B.C. V3B 2P7
Tel: 672-886-2100
Fax: 604-474-0327
Email: linc.assessment@options.bc.ca
Website: https://larc.options.bc.ca

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What is LINC?

LINC stands for Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada.

- It is a free English program for adult newcomers, funded by the Government of Canada (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada).
- LINC helps you build your English skills—from basic to intermediate levels—to support your everyday life in Canada.

What Will I Learn?

Each month, you will explore a new topic to help you live, work, and thrive in your community.
For example, you may learn about:

- Health
- Housing
- Canadian laws
- Employment
- Community services

In higher LINC levels, you can prepare for further education or enhance your English for job training.

LINC Class Options

LINC classes are flexible and designed to fit your schedule. You can study:

- In the morning, afternoon, or evening
- In-person at a school or online from home

Some locations also offer free childcare while you attend class.

Can I Join LINC?

You might be eligible for free English classes through LINC if you:

✅ Are 17 years or older
✅ Are a newcomer to Canada
✅ Have been approved for permanent residence

To join, you will need one of the following documents:

- Permanent Resident Card
- Confirmation of Permanent Residence (Form IMM 5292)
- Record of Landing (Form IMM 1000 – issued before June 2002)
- Notice of Decision from the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) confirming Convention Refugee status
- A letter from IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) confirming you have Approval in Principle to stay in Canada while your permanent residence application is being processed

Not sure if you qualify?
We are here to help—just reach out and we'll guide you through the process!

Steps to Join LINC

Step 1: Check Your Eligibility

Review the eligibility list on the previous page to ensure LINC is the right program for you.

Step 2: Complete the Application Form

Get the LINC application form in one of the following ways (see back for details):

- Online / In person / By phone

Step 3: Submit the Form and Documents

Send your completed application form along with a photocopy of your immigration document by mail, fax, or in person.

Step 4: Book Your Appointment

Once we receive and verify your application and documents, our intake staff will contact you to schedule your appointment.

Step 5: Take the English Assessment

Meet with one of our certified assessors to complete your English language assessment.

Step 6: Receive Your Referral

After your assessment, you will receive your referral right away.
We are here to support you every step of the way!