

WHAT IS LINC?

LINC stands for **Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada**. The LINC program is one of the services provided through the National Settlement Program, funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). LINC begins with basic English and progresses into intermediate level English training. It is free for adult newcomers to Canada.

WHAT WILL I LEARN IN LINC?

You will learn English to help you communicate in everyday life. Each month you will focus on a different topic. For example, you will **listen, speak, read, and write** about health one month and housing, Canadian laws, society, the job market or other topics the next month. At the higher LINC levels you can prepare for further studies in English or raise your English level to qualify for training for employment.



WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR ATTENDING LINC CLASSES?

Each school will tell you about their attendance rules. Students are expected to attend all or almost all their classes, and to attend on time. Do not apply for LINC if you cannot attend on all the days when the class meets. It's important for you to be ready to learn. You can stop class and come back if you need to.

HOW DOES THE LINC PROGRAM WORK?

LINC starts at **Level 1 (low beginner)** to **Level 8 (high intermediate)** with **pre-beginner level (Literacy)**. At levels 5-8, English classes and Workplace English classes are available. There are also classes to help you use a computer for LINC 1-3 students called **Digital Literacy**.

To determine which LINC level class is right for you, you will take a **language assessment** to assess your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English. After your assessment you will be given information about classes in your community, the class levels, types and class times.

I HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN, CAN I STILL TAKE LINC CLASSES?



Some LINC schools have free childcare for pre-school age children. Many LINC students must make their own childcare arrangements.

There is a provincial childcare subsidy available to help families pay for childcare. Ask an immigrant settlement agency in your area for more information about childcare options and support.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

You must be a newcomer to Canada, 17 years old or older, and approved for permanent residence.

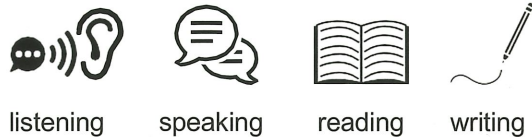


You must have at least one of these documents to be eligible for LINC:

- Permanent Resident Card
- Confirmation of Permanent Residence (form IMM5292)
- Record of Landing (form IMM1000 - issued prior to June 2002)
- Notice of Decision from the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) confirming convention refugee status
- Letter from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) giving approval to remain in Canada while application for permanent residence is being finalized (approval in principle)
- Temporary Resident Visa under CUAET (until March 31, 2025)

WHAT IS A LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT?

After applying to LINC you will be given an appointment for an English Language Assessment to determine the best class for you based on your results. The Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test (CLBPT) or Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Assessment (CLBPA) is designed to measure abilities in:



listening speaking reading writing

In each of these areas you will be assessed and assigned a **Canadian Language Benchmark level (CLB Level)**. The total results of each of these levels will determine which LINC class you will be best suited for. Your listening, speaking, reading, and writing scores might be different. The assessor will determine which LINC level is best for you.

The CLBPT and CLBPA language assessment results **can only be used to take a LINC class**. They are not accepted as proof of language ability for citizenship, employment or education.



HOW DO I APPLY FOR LINC?

Contact ONE of these offices to get an application form. Submit your form along with a photocopy of your immigration document by mail, fax or in-person to book your language assessment appointment.

If you live in Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Richmond, South Delta, Burnaby or New Westminster:

Vancouver Language Assessment & Referral Centre

#208 – 2525 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, BC V5N 4C1
Tel: 604.876.5756 Fax: 604.876.0134
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Options Language Assessment & Referral Centre

13520 78th Avenue
Surrey, B.C. V3W 8J6
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Satellite locations in Burnaby & North Vancouver available - call for more information

If you live in Surrey, North Delta, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge or the Fraser Valley:

Surrey Language Assessment & Referral Centre

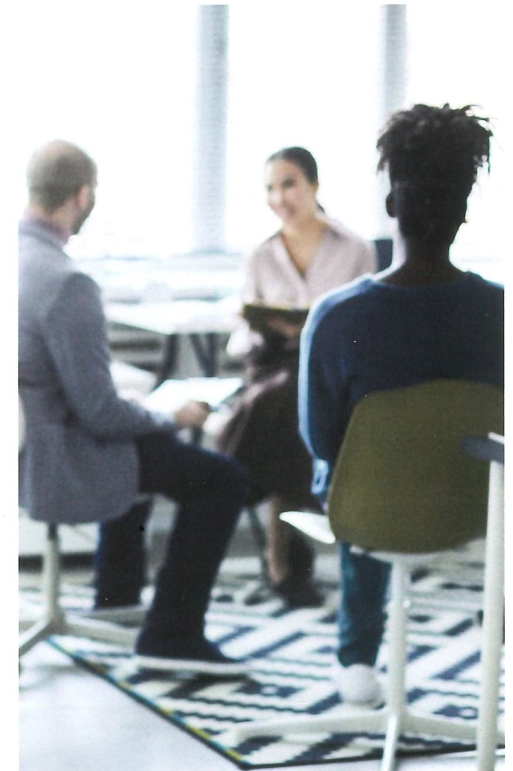
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