

Guidebook for Test Takers

*CAEL CE is the leading academic
English proficiency test for study in Canada*



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About CAEL CE

CAEL is an important part of your journey to study in Canada. The test measures your ability to use and understand English at an academic level.

Prepares you for success in Canada

CAEL is the only test that provides a truly authentic representation of language use in a Canadian academic context. It evaluates how well you combine your speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills to perform academic tasks that you would encounter in your first year at a Canadian university or college.

Accepted by over 180 universities and colleges across Canada

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



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



CAEL CE is accepted by 82% of the English-speaking CiCan institutions that accept international students.

Test Fees

\$280
+ Taxes

CAEL CE
The test is used as proof of English proficiency and the fee includes sending up to five (5) score reports to accepting institutions of your choice

Free
Practice

CAEL CE Pretest
a free opportunity to experience questions on the CAEL Test, but cannot be used to certify your English proficiency. Visit cael.ca/pretest for more information

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

CAEL CE Test Format

CAEL CE 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 CE 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 CE 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 CE Study Plans

Self-directed

Workbooks

CAEL Skills Workbook

Textbooks

CAEL CE: An Overview

Online Study Programs

Academic Vocabulary Builder

CAEL Accelerate

Instructor-led

Webinars

CAEL CE Online Course

CAEL CE Writing and Speaking Workshop

Overview of CAEL CE

Preparation Programs

CAEL CE Preparation Program

Practice-based

Free Sample Test

CAEL CE Sample Test

Practice Tests

CAEL CE Online Practice Tests, 1-4

CAEL CE Band Scores

After completing CAEL CE, 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 CE 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.

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

Sample Score Requirements

Institution	Required Score
University of Manitoba	CAEL 60, IELTS 6.5
Western University	CAEL 60, IELTS 6.5
University of Toronto	CAEL 70, IELTS 6.5
McGill University	CAEL 70, IELTS 6.5
triOS College	CAEL 60, IELTS 6.0
George Brown College	CAEL 60, IELTS 6.0
Langara College	CAEL 60, IELTS 6.5
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology	CAEL 60, IELTS 6.0



Reminder!

Required CAEL scores are set by each institution. Be sure to check the admission requirements for each institution in advance.

How to Register for CAEL CE Online

Registering for CAEL CE online is fast and easy:

1

Create a CAEL Account

Visit cael.ca and click on the "Sign In" link at the top of the page. This will take test takers to the account page, where they can create a CAEL account. Test takers must upload a photo of themselves when creating a CAEL account to ensure their identity.

2

Sign into a CAEL Account

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

3

Register for CAEL CE

During registration test takers select the country, region, and city in which they will take the CAEL CE Test. Test takers can then choose an available test centre and testing date.

4

Choose the identification to bring

Test takers can choose the type of personal identification that they will provide on test day from a list of acceptable identification choices.

5

Confirm information and payment option

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

For test takers that need to cancel or reschedule their test sitting, review the transfer and cancellation policy here: cael.ca/transfer-cancellation-retake-policies

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