

Why take CAEL

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

CAEL CE 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. **Find out more at cael.ca**

Test Features



Quick Online Results

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



Computer-delivered Test

Done in just one sitting and includes features such as a personal timer & word counter



Convenient Study Materials

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



Acceptance Across Canada

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

Test Fees

\$280
+ Taxes

CAEL CE Test

The test is used as proof of English proficiency and includes up to five (5) score reports sent to accepting institutions

Free
Practice

CAEL CE Pretest

It's a free opportunity to experience questions on the CAEL Test, but cannot be used to certify your English proficiency. It is offered at test centres across Canada. Visit cael.ca/pretest for more information

Test Format

CAEL CE total test time is 3h30m and is done in one sitting

Speaking

Reply to on-screen prompts verbally

7-10 minutes

Integrated Reading

Read passages and reply to questions

35-50 minutes

Integrated Listening

Listen to passages and reply to questions

25-35 minutes

Academic Unit A

Answer comprehension questions and write a reply

60-70 minutes

Academic Unit B

Answer comprehension questions and write a reply

40-45 minutes

“What I liked most about the CAEL CE was that you can do the test on the computer, it uses Canadian English, and the results are released quickly!”

- Alinsson, CAEL CE Test Taker

“I appreciated the availability of test dates for CAEL, and found it convenient and inexpensive compared to other English proficiency tests.”

- Aashima, CAEL CE Test Taker

British Columbia

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Test Scoring

CAEL Score	CAEL 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 is 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

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