

Language Training/English Classes



English and French are Canada's official languages. Learning English or French is an important part of settling in Canada. If you can speak at least one official language well, it will make things easier for you.

Language Classes

The federal and provincial governments fund language programs. School boards, colleges and community agencies use this government money to give you free English and French classes. Colleges, universities and private language schools also offer language classes, but you must pay. You can find different kinds of English and French classes in Manitoba. You might be confused by all the choices and short forms.

Type of Language Program	Short Form
English Literacy Development	ELD
English as an Additional Language English as a Second Language	EAL ESL
French as a Second Language	EFL
Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada	LINC
Cours de langue pour les immigrants au Canada	CLIC
Occupation-specific Language Training	OSLT
Enhanced Language Training	ELT
Specialized Language Training	SLT
Refugee Employment Development Initiative	REDI



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Language Assessment

Before you can take a language program, you may need to have your language skills assessed. In some parts of Manitoba, you can choose to have either your English or French language skills assessed.

Ask your settlement counsellor where you can get an assessment. In Winnipeg, you can go to the Winnipeg English Language Assessment and Referral Centre (WELARC) for an assessment. People just call this WELARC.

- More information at WELARC:
<https://www.welarc.net/>
- Find an assessment centre near you:
www.language.ca/

Language Schools for International Students

There are many different kinds of language schools available to international students in Manitoba.

- More information:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/study/other/language.html>

Locate Language Classes

If you would like to learn English, there are many options in each community in Manitoba.

Find a language class:

- Winnipeg Map for Newcomers:
<http://www.immigratemanitoba.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/winnipeg-newcomer-map-2019-1.pdf>
- 211:
<https://mb.211.ca/top-level-terms/newcomers/?language=en&filter%5B4401%5D=english-as-an-additional-language-eal>
- Some organizations have lists to make it easy for you to find a language class.
<https://www.welarc.net/language-classes>
<https://mitt.ca/english-language-training>
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/study/other/language.html>
<https://www.gatewaywinnipeg.com/eal>
<https://livelearn.ca/article/language-training/language-training-programs-in-manitoba/>
<http://en.copian.ca/library/research/accc/immigrants/page14.htm>
- Resources to study on your own:
<https://www.immigratemanitoba.com/community-stakeholders/learner-resources/>

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) Home Study

You may not be able to attend classes the traditional way. You might have children or schedules which make it difficult for you. In that case, you can learn English from home.

- Find LINC training near you:
<https://achev.ca/services/language/#distance-learning>