



TCF French Exam

The TCF (Test de Connaissance du Français) is a French language proficiency test for non-native speakers of French who wish to evaluate and have their level of proficiency certified for personal, professional or academic reasons.

The TCF is designed by the CIEP (Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques) and accredited by the French Ministry of Education. The TCF exam is a proof of proficiency in French language that is accepted by:

- most prestigious universities both in France and abroad.
- the Canadian immigration authorities if you wish to migrate to Quebec, Canada.
- the Quebec government if you wish to be a [Consultant en Immigration du Canada](#)

Each candidate will receive an Attestation (Certificate) indicating his level of knowledge of the French language. The TCF Certificate is valid for 2 years.

TCF Test Structure

The TCF is a multiple-choice test with 80 items that cover:

- Reading comprehension (30 items) - TCF Compréhension écrite
- Grammatical structures (20 items) - TCF Structures de la langue
- Listening comprehension (30 items) - TCF Compréhension orale

It also includes 2 optional tests:

- Writing (1.45 hours) - TCF Expression écrite
- Speaking (15 minutes) - TCF Expression orale

TCF Levels

The TCF Test grades and ranks candidates at one of the 6 levels of proficiency defined by the Council of Europe (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Based on their scores, candidates are placed in one of the levels below.

Level	Niveau	CECR	Remarks
Level 1	Niveau 1	A1	Lower Beginner
Level 2	Niveau 2	A2	Upper Beginner
Level 3	Niveau 3	B1	Lower Intermediate
Level 4	Niveau 4	B2	Upper Intermediate

Level	Niveau	CECR	Remarks
Level 5	Niveau 5	C1	Lower Advanced
Level 6	Niveau 6	C2	Upper Advanced