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LU Tutor Tip Sheet

WORKING TOWARDS CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

To apply for Canadian Citizenship, each applicant must satisfy the eligibility and language proficiency requirements.

The applicant must then pass the Canadian Citizenship Test.

Before you start make sure you and your learner check the eligibility and language proficiency requirements first.

Eligibility and Language Proficiency

Check out the Canadian Government website for up-to-date information on who can apply and what the eligibility requirements are:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-citizenship/become-canadian-citizen/eligibility.html>

In addition to verifying the individual eligibility criteria listed on this page, click on the “Check your Eligibility” box to be taken through various questions.

Proof of language proficiency is a requirement. If the learner cannot provide the necessary proof (as set out in the site, to include Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) Level 4 or higher in speaking and listening.), it may be necessary that he/she complete the Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Programme (CELPIP). (Please note there is also a French equivalent)

Citizenship Test Materials and Resources

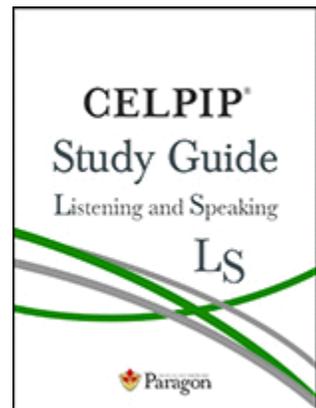
The CELPIP Study Guide

CELPIP offer a variety of free resources to help with preparation for the test, including guidebooks, online webinars, online practice tests and blog posts offering advice and information. Additionally, guides, such as that below, are available for purchase.

<https://www.celpip.ca/take-celpip/overview/>

Discover Canada

The only official study guide for the citizenship test is *Discover Canada: The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship*. It is available **free from Citizenship and Immigration Canada**.



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<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/discover-canada.html>

The *Discover Canada* study guide can, for some learners, be daunting and very hard to work through. Fortunately, there are other publications that may be more accessible. This guide does note that other material used to prepare for the Citizenship test are used at your own risk.

Drew Smith's Canadian Citizenship Study Guide

The Canadian Citizenship Study Guide is a good place to start. A copy of this resource with the accompanying workbook is available in the LU resource room.

When your learner has successfully completed this, or similar, study guide, you should then look to the official guide, *Discover Canada*, for any material that may have been missed.

It is also worthwhile for the learner to have a sufficiently detailed **map of Canada** in front of him/her while studying. You can find a map and a puzzle in the LU Resource Room.

The Canadian Provinces and Territories App

This App is also worth downloading on your smart phone or tablet.

It is available on Android or iPad/iPhone and is free from Google Play Store and Apple Store (there are in App purchases).

For learners working towards the Citizenship Test or with an interest in learning more about Canada, this App has quizzes covering 8 topics about Canada's provinces and territories: Locations on a map; Capital cities; Most populous cities; Flag; Shields; Official birds; Official flowers; Postal abbreviations.

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