

Common mistakes when choosing a French provider

Booking a test before you are ready, relying on one provider for everything and trusting a single price without checking the official page are the most common mistakes.

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Many people who search for a French provider for Canadian PR make the same mistakes. This guide is general information. French4PR is a directory. It is not an immigration consultant, not a law firm and not affiliated with any government. Nothing here is immigration advice.

Mistake one: booking a test before you are ready. Each centre sets its own test fee. The Institut Français de Rabat publishes a fee of 2900 MAD for TEF Canada and TCF Canada on its [certifications page](#) (checked 2026-10-21). The Institut Français de Casablanca loads its fee on its own [TEF Canada page](#), so read the fee there before you book. Most listings show no fee. A test taken too early can waste the fee. Use the score converter tools on this site to see what each practice score means in NCLC terms. Book when your practice scores meet the level you need.

Mistake two: using an old result. IRCC accepts results less than two years old, both when you create your Express Entry profile and when you apply for permanent residence. Check the date on your result before you plan around it.

Mistake three: treating a school and a test centre as the same thing. A school teaches French. A test centre hosts exam sessions. Check the provider type on the listing. Some providers only prepare you for a test. PrepMyFuture, for example, names TEF Canada and TCF Canada preparation, not exam sessions. You may need one provider to learn and another to sit the test.

Mistake four: trusting a single price. Exam fees change and course prices vary. The fee on a listing is what the provider published on the date an editor checked it. Visit the provider's own website to confirm the current fee before you pay. The listing shows the provider's website link.

Mistake five: assuming the tests offered field is complete. The listing shows only the tests the provider's own page names. An empty field means the page did not say. It does not mean the provider offers none. If you do not see the test you need, contact the provider directly.

Mistake six: confusing the federal and Quebec systems. TEF Canada and TCF Canada count for Express Entry. TEFAQ and TCF Québec serve Quebec programs. The CRS bonus and the French-language category draws are federal. A provider that offers only TEFAQ may suit a Quebec candidate but does not offer the tests that IRCC accepts for Express Entry.

Mistake seven: booking through a third party. Book with the centre itself. Use the website on the listing to reach the provider's own registration page. French4PR does not sell seats, and no one can guarantee a seat for a fee.

Mistake eight: expecting a guarantee. No provider can promise a test score, an invitation to apply or a visa. Treat any offer that guarantees a CRS score or an invitation as a warning sign. The free tools on this site restate the published rule on the day it was checked. They are not a

promise.

For questions about your own case, ask a qualified professional, such as a regulated Canadian immigration consultant or a lawyer.

Frequently asked questions

How old can my test result be?

IRCC accepts results less than two years old, both when you create your Express Entry profile and when you apply for permanent residence. Confirm the current rule on [canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/documents/language-test.html).

Does listing on this site mean IRCC endorses a provider?

No. This site is a directory, not part of IRCC or the government. A listing shows that the provider's own page names certain tests or teaching, not that any agency endorses it.

Sources

[IRCC language test equivalency table](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/documents/language-test.html) — <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/documents/language-test.html>

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