

How to choose a French provider for Canadian PR

Match your goal to the right kind of provider: official test centres for exam sessions, schools and courses for classroom learning, and online tutors for remote preparation from anywhere.

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Every provider on this site falls into one of three types. Official test centres host exam sessions for TEF Canada, TCF Canada and other tests. French schools and courses teach the language, often in classrooms. Online tutors and prep courses work remotely. Choose the type that matches what you need now. 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.

Start with your goal. If you need to take or retake an exam, look for an official test centre that names your test on its own page. If you need to learn French or reach a higher level, look for a school or course. If you live far from any school or need flexible hours, look for online prep.

Check which tests the provider handles. IRCC accepts TEF Canada and TCF Canada for Express Entry. A test centre may offer TEF Canada only, TCF Canada only, or both. Some centres also list TEFAQ and TCF Québec, which serve Quebec programs. For example, the Alliance Française Ottawa listing names five tests. A school may prepare you for a test without hosting it. The listing names only the tests the provider's own page names.

Compare formats. In-person centres need travel to the provider's city. Online providers work from anywhere. The listing shows the formats the provider states.

Look at levels taught. Schools and courses cover different CEFR levels, from A1 and A2 for beginners to C1 and C2 for advanced learners. Make sure the provider covers the level you need to reach. The listing shows only the levels the provider names.

Check exam preparation. Some providers state that they prepare candidates for a named test. Others teach general French. The listing marks exam preparation only when the provider states it.

Compare fees. A fee appears on a listing only when the provider publishes a figure and an editor has cited it. School and course prices are not always published. Confirm all prices on the provider's own page before you pay.

Read the source note. Each listing names the page its facts came from and the date it was checked. A provider whose own page gives clear test and fee information is easier to compare than one whose page is vague.

Book with the provider itself. Use the website on the listing to reach the provider's own registration page. French4PR does not sell seats. No one can guarantee a seat, a score or an invitation to apply.

Plan for two steps. The school you learn with may not host the test you need. The centre that hosts the test may not offer courses. This is normal. Learn first, then test. For questions about

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

Frequently asked questions

Should I start with a school or a test centre?

Start with a school if you are not yet at the level you need. Book a test centre only when you and your instructor agree you are ready. The school and the centre can be different providers.

How many providers should I compare?

Two or three is enough. Look at the tests each one names on its own page, the formats it offers and the fees it publishes. Listings on this site show these facts with a source note. A listing is not a recommendation.

Sources

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