COMMENT CANADA

Canada is cutting temporary residents. French is the route it is still opening.

What changed, why French speakers get priority, the levels you need, and a simple plan to get there.

What changed

- Canada plans to bring temporary residents (students, workers) down to **under 5% of the population**. Study permits and work permits are getting harder.
- At the same time it wants **more French speakers settling outside Quebec**, with francophone admission targets rising every year of the current levels plan.

Where French helps

	ROUTE	WHY FRENCH MATTERS
🇨🇦	Express Entry: French-language draws	Separate draws only for strong French speakers, usually with much lower CRS cut-offs than general draws
🇨🇦	Express Entry: extra points	Strong French adds points to your CRS score, more if you also have English
🇨🇦	Francophone Mobility work permit	Employers outside Quebec can hire French speakers without the usual LMIA; asks for about CLB/NCLC 5 in speaking and listening
🇨🇦	Provincial programs	Several provinces run francophone streams

Official pages: Express Entry · Francophone Mobility. Levels and rules change, so check before you apply.

The test and the levels

Canada accepts **TEF Canada** or **TCF Canada** for French. Your result is converted to NCLC levels (the French version of CLB).

- **About NCLC 5** (speaking + listening): the level the Francophone Mobility work permit asks for.
- **NCLC 7 in all four skills**: the level that counts as strong French for Express Entry.

Your plan

1. **Check your level today:** take our free TEF band check, it takes a few minutes.
2. **Pick your target:** work permit (about NCLC 5 oral) or PR (NCLC 7, all skills).
3. **Learn with exam practice built in:** A1 → B2 with TEF/TCF-format mocks. With steady classes, most beginners need around a year to reach B2.

4. **Book TEF or TCF Canada** once your mocks are at target, then update your Express Entry profile.

Want the right plan for your profile?

Fill a 1-minute form and our team will WhatsApp you with the right French level, TEF/TCF prep and batch for your goal.

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French course → globalmultilingo.in/french

Links and facts checked on 4 Nov 2026. Rules change: always confirm on the official site before you apply. Follow @careerwithsukrit for more free resources.