

The TCF IRN

General Information



The TCF “Integration, Residence and Nationality” is aimed at all foreign nationals over 16 years old who want to confirm their level of French in order to :

- apply for French nationality;
- apply for a long-term residence permit;
- validate A1 level as part of the OFII citizenship process.

For information regarding the TCF IRN, please consult [the page of France Education International website](#), the public institution for educational and training cooperation. .

The TCF IRN consists of four **mandatory components** :

	Listening comprehension	Reading comprehension	Written skills	Verbal skills
Items	20 multiple choice questions	20 multiple choice questions	3 exercises	3 tasks
Duration	15 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	Individual test one-on-one with an examiner

Case for exemption

Cases for exemption for people applying for French naturalisation, please consult the page of France Education International website.

The TCF Canada

General Information



The TCF Canada is for any individual, regardless of nationality or native language, seeking permanent economic immigration or Canadian citizenship through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). There are no exemptions for the TCF Canada.

For information regarding the TCF Canada, please consult [the page of France Education International website](#), the public institution for educational and training cooperation. For more information about Canadian immigration application, [visit the Canada visa website](#).

The TCF Canada consists of **four mandatory components** :

	Listening test	Speaking test	Reading test	Writing test
Items	39 items	3 tasks	39 items	3 tasks
Duration	35 minutes	12 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes

This exam is available **on paper only**.

Your TCF certificate **is valid for two years** from the date you sit the test.

The TCF Tout public

General Information



This diploma is intended for **non-native French speakers who wish to have their level of French** certified against the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for various personal, professional or academic reasons (e.g. admission into French universities).

You can also use the TCF **to apply for French nationality**.

For more information, please visit [France Education International](https://www.franceeducationinternational.org/).

Listening Comprehension	Reading Comprehension	Language Structures	Writing Optional	Speaking Optional
29 multiple-choice questions	29 multiple-choice questions	18 multiple-choice questions	3 exercises	one-on-one, 3 exercises
25 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes	60 minutes	15 minutes

Those applying **for French nationality** must have all skills assessed : 1 compulsory examination + **2 optional examinations**.

University students seeking preliminary admission to a French undergraduate university under the TCF DAP (Test de Connaissance du Français pour la demande d'admission préalable) must complete : 1 compulsory examination + optional writing paper.

This exam is available **on paper only**.

The TCF Québec

General Information



The TCF Québec is intended for anyone aged 16 or older, regardless of nationality or mother tongue, who wishes to submit an immigration application to the Quebec Ministry of Immigration, Francization, and Integration (MIFI).

For more information, please visit [France Education International](https://www.franceeducationinternational.org/).

The TCF Canada consists of **four mandatory components** :

	Listening Comprehension	Reading Comprehension	Writing Comprehension	Speaking
Items	29 multiple-choice questions	29 multiple-choice questions	3 exercises	one-on-one, 3 exercises
Duration	25 minutes	45 minutes	60 minutes	15 minutes

The Quebec authorities also recognize, as exemptions, the TCF for all (TCF tout public) with the oral expression test as well as the DELF and DALF diplomas (subject to obtaining a minimum score in the oral comprehension and expression tests and validity of less than 2 years).