

English Language Training Programs



What are the English Language Training Programs?

English Language Training programs assist newcomers to Saskatchewan gain the English language skills they need to perform day-to-day activities in their communities and enter, remain, and advance in Saskatchewan's workforce. Eligible clients are newcomers who are not eligible for federal programs or who have a specific labour market language training focus.

What programs are offered?

1. **Stage 1 and 2 language training** offers basic literacy through classroom-based instruction in select communities across the province to clients who are not eligible for federal programming. The main focus is on improving CLB levels to meet requirements for employment. Stage 1- 2 English Language Training is available online.
2. **Employment Related Language Training (ERLT) or English for Employment** is provided to temporary residents who are eligible to work in Canada, permanent residents, or recent Canadian citizens who are unemployed, underemployed, or are unable to practice a regulated occupation for which they were foreign-trained, due to language barriers.
3. **Conversation circles** can be accessed by any newcomer aged 18 and older who is unable to attend classroom-based training due to family or work responsibilities. This program is more informal with a focus on listening and speaking.
4. **Online English** can be accessed by provincially eligible participants who are unable to attend traditional classroom training due to family or work responsibilities.
5. **Classroom-Based Instruction:** Regional Colleges and other organizations provide opportunities for newcomers to develop their English language skills in a classroom setting. This program - English

as a Second Language (ESL) - uses the Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) to place learners in classes with others whose English language skills are at a similar level to theirs. English language training is offered for individuals assessed at CLB levels 1 through 8 and is tailored to the needs and goals of individual learners. Classes may be offered at different times, including evenings and weekends, to meet the needs of learners.

Who is eligible?

- Each program has unique eligibility criteria.

For more information:

To find a language program near you contact a Regional Newcomer Gateway. For a list of Regional Newcomer Gateways, please visit:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/moving-to-saskatchewan/live-in-saskatchewan/language-training-and-settlement-services/settlement-services>