

7. What can I do about child care?

New Directions can assist with child care for pre-school age children. Space is limited. Otherwise, students can make their own child care arrangements. There is a provincial child care subsidy to help families pay for child care. Visit an immigrant settlement agency in your area to find out if you are eligible for a child care subsidy.

How to Apply

8. How can I apply for LINC?

Come to our New Directions office in person to fill out a LINC application form. A photocopy of your immigration document (see ELIGIBILITY) is required.

The name on your application must be the same as the name on your immigration document. When you come to the office for your assessment, bring your original immigration document (not a photocopy).

9. When should I apply for LINC?

Apply when you are ready to start studying. The LINC assessment is valid for 12 months. You may not take the LINC placement assessment more than once each year.

10. What happens after I apply?

You will receive a letter telling you the time and place for your assessment. You must have this assessment before you can go to LINC classes.

11. What happens after the assessment?

You will get an assessment report with your test results and your LINC level placement. This assessment report will determine your placement in the LINC levels.

12. When do LINC classes start?

New students start classes at the beginning of the week, provided there is room in the class. Students may be placed on a waiting list.

*For further information,
Please contact or visit our school:*



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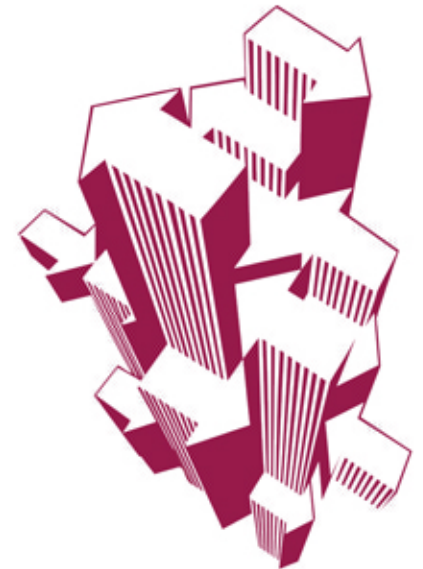


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LINC

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada



Offered by:
New Directions Vocational
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Services Ltd.
Langley, BC

LINC

1. What is LINC?

LINC stands for Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada. The LINC program is one of the immigrant settlement services provided through the National Settlement Program. It is funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and is free to students. LINC provides basic and intermediate level English training for adult newcomers to Canada.

2. What will I learn in LINC Classes?

You will learn English to help you with all your communication needs. You will learn about Canadian laws, health care, society, job market and many things that are important for life in Canada. At the higher LINC levels you can prepare for further studies in English or raise your English level to qualify for training for employment. To work in Canada in your field or occupation, you may need to learn more English after the LINC class ends.

Eligibility

3. Who can take LINC?

You must be a newcomer to Canada, 17 years old or older, and approved for permanent residence. Canadian citizens, temporary visitors, temporary foreign workers and refugee claimants who have not yet received a positive decision on their refugee status claim **cannot** take LINC classes within Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria Regional Districts. You must have at least **one** of the following documents:

- a) Permanent Resident Card and Number (PRC)
- b) Confirmation of Permanent Residence (form IMM5292)
- c) Record of Landing (form IMM1000-issued prior to June 2002)
- d) Notice of Decision form the Refugee Protection Division Board (IRB) confirming convention refugee status
- e) Letter from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) giving approval to remain in Canada while application for permanent residence is being finalized (approval in principle)

The Program

4. What are the LINC levels?

LINC goes from LINC 1 (low beginner) to LINC 8 (high intermediate). There is also a FOUNDATIONS pre-beginner level (literacy). After you apply to LINC, you will be given an appointment for an English assessment (test).

5. What is the assessment for?

The Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test (CLBPT) is designed to determine at what level you should begin your LINC program. It measures abilities in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. For example, if you score benchmark 3 in each of these skills, you are ready to start the program at LINC level 4.

The LINC assessment is only for the purpose of placement into the LINC program. It is not accepted by CIC as proof of language ability for citizenship applications. For this, you can take our LINC classes in Langley and receive a certificate once you have attained the required Canadian Language Benchmarks.

Classes are offered at:

New Directions
100 - 20436 Fraser Hwy
Langley, BC

For your convenience, New Directions offers both full-time and part-time classes, day and evening hours from FOUNDATIONS to LINC 8

FOUNDATIONS

LINC 1	LINC 5
LINC 2	LINC 6
LINC 3	LINC 7
LINC 4	LINC 8

Some services are offered at
New Directions Aldergrove

6. What are the attendance rules?

Students are expected to attend all or almost all of their classes, and to attend on time. Do not apply for LINC if you cannot attend on all the days when the class meets.