



TCF CANADA EXAM FORMAT FOR EACH MODULE

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TCF Canada Exam Modules

The TCF Canada exam consists of the following 4 sub- tests:

- Reading comprehension: computer-based collective test – 39 multiple-choice questions (4 answer choices, one correct answer) – 60 minutes
- Listening comprehension: computer-based collective test – 39 multiple-choice questions (4 answer choices, one correct answer) – 35 minutes
- Written expression: computer-based collective test – 3 exercises – 60 minutes
- Oral expression: individual face-to-face test with an examiner – 3 exercises – 12 minutes

The sequence of conducting the modules may vary as per the exam center.

Module- 1: TCF CANADA READING

- **Objective:** Understanding the general information of various documents (messages, letters, menus, articles, literary texts, etc.);
- **Skills Required:**
 1. Understanding general and detailed information from several written documents;
 2. Understanding what information is useful to answer questions and selecting it from superfluous information;
 3. Helping you with lexicon, punctuation and keywords to understand written documents more effectively.
- **Evaluation:** A correct answer is awarded one point, a wrong answer or no answer is awarded 0 points. There is no negative marking throughout the test. The score ranges from 100 to 699.
- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- Increasing difficulty level from A1 to C2
- **Question type:** 39 MCQ- type questions
- 4 options in each question, each question has only one correct response.
- The candidate can go back and forth in the questions.
- A panel on the top of the screen indicates the candidate's progress.
- Pen and paper for taking notes may or may not be provided as per the candidate's exam center.

Module- 2: TCF CANADA LISTENING

- **Objective:** Understanding spoken French in everyday communication situations, in radio broadcasts, on concrete or abstract subjects.
- **Skills Required:**
 1. Recognizing common expressions (in telephonic discussions, dialogues, interviews, etc.);
 2. Understanding general or detailed information;
 3. Understanding dialogues and speeches on concrete or abstract subjects;
 4. Understanding speech and dialogue at a fluent rate.
- **Evaluation:** A correct answer is awarded one point, a wrong answer or no answer is awarded 0 points. There is no negative marking throughout the test. The score ranges from 100 to 699.
- **Duration:** 35 minutes
- Increasing difficulty level from A1 to C2
- **Question type:** 39 MCQ- type questions to answer
- 4 options in each question, each question has only one correct response.
- The audios are played one after the other and no time is provided separately for reading the questions/ options and for answering them.
- All audios are played just once.
- The candidate has no control on going back and forth in the question/ audio.
- A panel on the top of the screen indicates the candidate's progress.
- Headphones are provided.
- Pen and paper for writing keywords may or may not be provided as per the candidate's exam center.

Module- 3: TCF CANADA WRITING

- **Objective:** Expressing yourself in writing in French in an organized and detailed manner; Talking about various topics and arguing.
- **Skills Required:**
 1. Expressing yourself clearly on a given subject;
 2. Providing specific information related to the subject;
 3. Arguing, describing, explaining, reformulating;
 4. Having a coherent and organized expression, paying particular attention to vocabulary, grammar and syntax;
 5. Comparing different points of view.
- **Evaluation:** The evaluation system is secret and is based on some components of linguistic ability. Scoring is done out of 20 points.
- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **3 tasks:** Task A, B and C
- **Question type:** Message, Article/ Email, Comparing points of view given in 2 texts
- **Word limit:** 60- 120 words for Task A; 120- 150 words for Task B; 150- 180 words for Task C
- The candidate can go back and forth between the 3 tasks.
- There is no negative marking.
- Virtual keyboard/ Shortcut keys for accents is provided.
- Pen and paper for draft may or may not be provided as per the candidate's exam center.

Module- 4: TCF CANADA SPEAKING

- **Objective:** Expressing yourself orally in French in an organized and detailed manner; Talking about various topics and arguing.
- **Skills Required:**
 1. Talking about yourself, your family and your work;
 2. Asking well-structured questions adapted to a specific context;
 3. Arguing and giving your opinion in a precise and structured manner;
 4. Knowing how to structure an oral presentation;
 5. Speaking fluently and spontaneously while being persuasive and maintaining good structure in speech.
- **Evaluation:** The evaluation system is secret and is based on some components of linguistic ability. Scoring is done out of 20 points.
- **Duration:** 12 minutes
- **3 tasks:** Task A, B and C
- **Question type:** Introducing oneself (2 minutes); Dialogue (3.5 minutes); Expressing a view point (4.5 minutes)
- Module is conducted face- to- face with the examiner.
- There is no negative marking.
- **Preparation time:** No preparation time for Task A; 2 minutes before Task B; No preparation time before Task C.
- Pen and paper for planning are usually provided.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

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