

# **Winnipeg English Language Assessment and Referral Centre** (Benchmark Test)

## **Contact Information**

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## **Additional Information about the English Level Test**

### **How long is the test?**

The language assessor will test your ability to speak, listen, read and write in English. The test takes two to three hours.

### **What must you bring to your assessment appointment?**

At your appointment you must show your passport, landing papers and your Manitoba Health Card. These documents show you are eligible to take English classes.

### **What happens after the language test?**

The assessor with whom you met considers the information you gave during your appointment to decide what level is best for you to start your free "English as an Additional Language" classes. The assessor may also suggest that you go to other free community services to get help with challenges such as finding a job.

### **What are the assessment criteria?**

The language assessment is based on the Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB). These national standards have 12 levels that measure a person's English skills, from beginner to advance. For example:

- Level 1: You can write your name and address.
- Level 8: You can write a formal business letter.

**Video Clip** with information on the Language Benchmark Test (click on the link below)

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