

Canadian Francophone Permanent Residency Pathway (Document # F100)

The Canadian Francophone Permanent Residency Pathway for a French learning student in India aspiring to immigrate to Canada has one viable (practical) pathway i.e. by the Express Entry – Federal Skilled Worker – Francophone Category draw based. The other Francophone based programs, but **not** viable for a French learning student in India aspiring to immigrate to Canada are as follows: -

- (a) Francophone Community Immigration Pilot (FCIP) but need Community Job Offer.
- (b) Quebec Skilled Worker Selection Program (PSTQ) but spouse also must be French speaking.
- (c) Provincial Nominations based: -
 - (i) Ontario’s Express Entry French- Speaking Skilled Worker Stream. However, this is a subset of the Express Entry immigration application system, and the draws are significantly less compared to EE-French Language Proficiency draw and the selection will be based on Ontario’s Labour market needs.
 - (ii) Northwest Territory Francophone Stream but need NWT Employer job offer.
 - (iii) New Brunswick strategic initiative (but need -job offer)

Express Entry- Federal Skilled Worker – French Language Proficiency Category

The Express Entry draws are carried out regularly under the following streams: -

- (a) Federal Skilled Worker (FSW)
- (b) Federal Skilled Trades (FST)
- (c) Canadian Experience Class (CEC)
- (d) Federal Skilled Worker Category based: -
 - (i) French Language Proficiency (for Francophones NCLC >=7)
 - (ii) Others (Healthcare and social service occupations, STEM, Trade, Agriculture and agri food occupations, Education)
- (e) Others

An Indian applicant in India who aspires to immigrate to Canada could qualify under the Federal Skilled Worker (FSW) French Language Proficiency Category. A typical profile would be as follows:-

	Base Profile CLB 7	Good to Go Profile CLB 8	Strong Profile CLB 9
Age	21-29 years	Same	Same
Education	Graduate	Same	Same
Language	CLB 7, NCLC 7	CLB 8, NCLC 7	CLB9, NCLC 7
Work Experience	1 year	2 years	1 year

However, to place a name in the Express Entry pool, the applicant must score 67 or more points on the FSW Factor Selection point grid. So, let us see the FSW Factor Selection points for the CLB 7, CLB 8, and CLB 9 profiles (all with NCLC 7). The points matrix is as follows: -

FW - Selection Factor Point

Factors	Max	Base Profile CLB 7		Good to Go Profile - CLB 8		Strong Profile CLB 9	
Language	28	CLB 7; NCLC 7	20	CLB8, NCLC 7	24	CLB 9; NCLC 7	28
Edu	25	Graduate	21	same	21	same	21
Skilled Work	15	1 year	09	2 years	11	1 year	09
Age	12	20-29	12	same	12	same	12
Arranged Employment	10	NA	00	same	00	same	00
Adaptability	10	Nil	00	same	00	same	00
Total	100		62		68		70

Parameter / Score				
Language	Education	Work Yrs	Age Yrs	Adaptability
CLB 7: 4 4 4 4	Master :23	1 yr :9	18-35:12	Spouse Language: 5
CLB 8: 5 5 5 5	Graduate: 21	2-3 :11		Relative : 5
CLB 9: 6 6 6 6		4-5 :13		Canadian/ PR - Parents, sibling, children, aunt, niece
NCLC 5+: 4		>=6 :15		

Base Profile: CLB7

The base profile of CLB7 earns you 62 points, which does not pass the FSW Selection Factor of 67 points.

'Good to Go' Profile: CLB 8 and Work Experience 2 years

The 'Good to Go' profile of CLB 8, along with 2 years of work experience, allows you to pass the FSW Selection Factor and thus become eligible to place your name in the Express Entry pool.

Strong Profile: CLB 9

The strong profile of CLB 9 allows you to pass the FSW Selection Factor 67 point mark, and thus you not only become eligible to place your name in the Express Entry Pool, but you also secure enhanced scores in the Comprehensive Ranking system for language and Skills Transferability points.

Comments: It goes without saying that for an aspiring French learning student, taking on the challenge to score CLB 9 is reasonable, and the responsibility should be to secure CLB 8. The need to secure NCLC 7 to qualify for the FSW French Language Proficiency draw remains.

Now, let us see what the above profiles of ‘Good to Go’ CLB 7 and Strong Profile CLB 9 translate to in the Comprehensive Ranking System score grid.

CRS Score Grid

Factors	Max	‘Good to Go’ Profile CLB 8; 2yr	Points	‘Strong’ Profile CLB 9	Points
Core/HC	500				
Age	110	20-29	110	20-20	110
Education	150	Graduate	120	Graduate	120
Language	160	CLB8, NCLC7	104 (92+12)	CLB 9, NCLC 7	136 (124+12)
Canadian Work	80	NA	000	NA	
Skills Transferability	100				
Edn+	50				
Edn+ Language	50	Graduate+ CLB 8	013	Graduate + CLB 9	025
Edn + Canadian Work	50	NA	NA	NA	
Work+	50				
IN Work+ Language	50	2 yr+ CLB 8	013	1 yr+ CLB 9	025
IN Work + Ca Work	50	NA		NA	
Additional	600				
Sibling	15				
Fr	50	CLB8; NCLC 7	050	CLB9+ NCLC 7	050
Total	1200		410		466

Base profile with CLB & NCLC 7 does not pass the 67 point FSW Selection Factor points- therefore not considered in the CRS table

Core				
Age	Education	Language (L)	Second L	Ca Work
20-29 : 110	Bachelor : 120	CLB 7 : 17	NCLC 7,8: 3	1 yr : 40
30 : 105	Master : 135	CLB 8 : 23		2 yr : 53
		CLB 9 : 31		3 yr : 64
		CLB 10:34		

Skills Transfer		100	Additional	600
Edn	CLB 7	CLB 9	Sibling	15
Graduate/+	13	25	NCLC 7	25
			NCLC 7 + CLB 5	50
Ca work	1 yr	2 yr	Edn Ca – 1 yr	15
Graduate/+	25	50	Edn Ca – 3 yr	30
Foreign Work	CLB7	CLB9		
1-2	13	25		
3	25	50		
	Ca Work			
Foreign Work	1yr	2yr		
1-2	13	25		
3	25	50		

Let us analyze the above profiles ‘Good to Go- CLB7’ and ‘Strong CLB9’:-

The base parameters for the FSW Selection Factors are Age, Education, Language, and Work Experience. Let’s us on analyze each base parameter.

Age: An applicant in India, upon completion of a graduate degree, is typically 20/21 years old, considering the 10+2+3/4-year graduate education pattern. However, adding 1 year of work experience takes us to 21/22 years. Furthermore, if an applicant plans strategically with an immigration consultant and undertakes 2 years of part-time work during the 3- to 4-year graduation period, the typical age would be 20/21 years. Thus, being in the age bracket 20-29 is by default.

Education. An education level of 3 or 4 year Bachelor degree is not a tall order in India and many students easily achieve a Graduation level. Achieving this milestone is not a challenge either.

Work Experience. Achieving a work experience of 1 year, is easily achievable. The main requirement is that work should be paid and the work experience should be genuine supported by documents such as Job offer, appointment letter, employer reference letter listing out title and duties of work, number of hours work, rate of pay per hour and further supported by Income tax return showing the income and tax return.

Language

English. A student aspiring to immigrate abroad, who has studied in an English medium education system for 15 years should normally be able to score a English skill level of 7 in each of the three skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Skill level CLB 7 falls in intermediate language ability. However, upgrading to a CLB 9 may reasonably be achieved with a dedicated effort / sincere attempt to improve the language skills.

French. Equivalent comments on this topic will be shared later. However, considering that level 7 is just above the middle of a scale of 12, a level of 7 should be achievable for a French-learning student aspiring to immigrate to Canada. The typical hours needed to reach NCLC 7-8 (B2) is as follows: -

(a) If you start from zero (A0), 600-800 hours of serious study is a realistic range to reach NCLC 7-8.

(b) If you already know some French (A2) Level- 350 to 500 hours to reach NCLC 7-8

(c) If you are already around B1- around 200 to 300 hours to reach NCLC 7-8.

For Canadian immigration, NCLC is measured through tests like: TEF Canada or TCF Canada

An NCLC 7-8 typically corresponds to strong B2-level ability

- Can speak with confidence on common topics
- Can understand longer conversations/news
- Can write structured opinion texts

Now, let us have a look at the CRS French Language Proficiency category draws. The history in format ; Year (Draw # _date_ Number of invites_ **CRS Cut off**) is as follows:-

2025

(388_17 Dec_6000_399; 382_28 Nov_6000_408; 376_29 Oct_6000_416; 371_06 Oct_4500_432; 365_04 Sep_2500_481; 360_08 Aug_2500_481; 341_21 Mar_7500_379; 339_06 Mar_4500_410; 337_19 Feb_6500_428 ;)

2024

(329_03 Dec_800_466; 324_15 Nov_800_478; 318_10 Oct_1000_444; 314_13 Sep_1000_446; 310_15 Aug_2000_394; 305_18 Jul_1800_400; 302_08 Jul_3200_420; 295_24 Apr_1400_410; 291_26 Mar_1500_388; 287_29 Feb_2500_336; 282_01 Feb_7000_365)

2023

(273_07 Dec_1000_470; 270_25 Oct_300_486; 266_27 Sep_500_472; 260_02 Aug_800_435; 258_12 Jul_3800_375; 256_07 Jul_2300_439)

07 July 2023- First FSW- French Language Proficiency Draw

The relevant data extracted from the above is given in the following table:-

Items	French
No of Draws	26
Total Invites <small>(07 July to 15 January 2025)</small>	77700
Minimum Score	399
Maximum Score	486
Average CRS	425
Median	424

Now, looking at the 'Good to Go' CLB 8, 2 year work profile and 'Strong' CLB 9 Profile, it is evident that the Good to Go profile (score 422) is close to the average CRS (425) over 26 draws and the Strong profile (491) allows you to cross the maximum score (486) and qualifies you for an invitation to apply at the next FSW - French Language Proficiency category draw after you place your name in the Express Entry Profile. This strong profile is, in fact, '*Too Good to Go*'.

The above content has been made with a typical available profile in India, studying French with aspirations to immigrate, a graduate and one year of work experience. There are other permutations and combinations to score points. These combinations may be customized for your profile by your immigration consultant.