Canadian Language Benchmarks

Can Do Statements

Listening

At this Benchmark, I can:

• understand most moderately complex, formal and informal communication related to life experience

When:

- the communication is face-to-face (one-on-one or in small groups) or on the phone
- the communication is moderate in length
- the information is concrete and sometimes includes some abstract concepts

Interacting with Others

Understand common social conversations.

For example:

- making and cancelling arrangements
- apologizing or making excuses

Getting Things Done

Understand communication intended to influence or persuade.

For example:

- telemarketer offers
- public transit announcements

Comprehending Instructions

Follow 9- to 10-step instructions and directions for technical and non-technical tasks.

For example:

- instructions on how to write an essay
- instructional videos in a workplace training session

Comprehending Information

Understand short group interactions and discussions on familiar topics.

For example:

- group discussions about class projects
- Understand informal presentations up to about 10 minutes long.

For example:

short presentations by professionals such as public health nurses