Canadian Language Benchmarks

Can Do Statements

Speaking

Benchmark

At this Benchmark, I can:

- communicate comfortably in demanding non-routine work, educational, and social situations
- present information about complex, abstract, general, and specialized topics
- speak fluently and comprehensibly using a range of concrete, abstract and idiomatic language, with very good control of an expanded variety of complex structures

Interacting with Others

Manage an expanded range of personal and business interactions to appropriately respond to needs, feelings, and attitudes (such as criticism and value judgments).

For example:

- give constructive criticism in a workplace performance review
- Facilitate or chair formal meetings, discussions, or debates.

For example:

lead a community discussion to come to an agreement and solve a problem

When:

- I speak with peers and authority figures, one-on-one or in groups
- the situation is informal to formal

Getting Things Done

Negotiate mutually agreeable solutions to problems.

For example:

negotiate a mutually agreeable concession in a marital dispute

Giving Instructions

Give complex instructions for technical and nontechnical tasks, procedures, and processes in many demanding situations.

For example:

give detailed instructions for a research assignment

Sharing Information

Ask for, give and discuss detailed complex information to solve problems, make decisions, supervise, motivate or discipline someone, or evaluate performance.

For example:

- as an employer, discuss an employee's achievements in a formal performance evaluation
- Give expository or argumentative presentations at symposia or conferences to explain complex concepts on known (through areas of expertise) or researched non-personal, abstract topics.

For example:

oppose or support a business decision, such as laying off or hiring more staff



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