

Credentialed Community Language Test

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Information for candidates

What is the Credentialed Community Language (CCL) test?

The Credentialed Community Language (CCL) test is generally taken by people who plan to apply for a points-based skilled migration visa in Australia.

The Department of Home Affairs awards 5 points for Credentialed Community Language holders, which migrants can gain by passing a NAATI CCL test.

Note: This fact sheet provides a basic overview of the CCL test, but candidates must read the more detailed information on the NAATI website before sitting the test.



About NAATI

NAATI is the national standards and certifying authority for translators and interpreters in Australia.

NAATI sets and maintains high national standards for the translating and interpreting sector, and it is the only organisation to issue credentials or certification to people who wish to work in this profession.

NAATI is a public, not-for-profit company that is jointly owned by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments.



Overview of the NAATI Credentialed Community Language test

The CCL test is an assessment of your ability to communicate at a community level between two languages (English and another language).

This test is not a professional certification. If you pass the CCL test, you are not certified to work as an interpreter or a translator in Australia.

The test is conducted in English and a language other than English, using pre-recorded materials and is conducted online. The test is assessed at the B2 level on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

The CCL test is available in 54 languages.

Preparing for the test

There are no training prerequisites for the test but NAATI provides two types of practice tests for candidates.

Candidates can download practice materials in their language at any time from the NAATI website. These practice materials provide four different dialogues in every language in both PDF and MP3 format to practice with.

When you book a test date, your test confirmation email will include a link to another practice test. These practice tests allow you to get familiar with the test platform, AssessmentQ, before your test day. You can practice with this as many times as you like before your test starts.

Other ways to prepare are listed on the NAATI website.

How are the CCL tests assessed?

The CCL test is marked by trained, impartial examiners using a mark deduction method.

Each dialogue is worth 45 marks (90 marks in total). This means that each test begins with 90 marks, and marks are taken off if the candidate makes errors during their test. Each error will result in a different number of marks being taken off, depending on how much the error impacts on the overall communication.

To pass the CCL test, you must achieve a score of 63 or more overall, and at least 29 marks in each dialogue.



How do I apply?

Apply online! Go to <https://my.naati.com.au/> to create a myNAATI account and apply for the Credentialed Community Language test. Once your application is approved by NAATI, you will be able to select a test date and pay the test fee.

Send all enquiries to: info@naati.com.au

How long are the results valid for?

Results are valid for five years from the date of issue.

What is the test like?

The test is conducted online. You need to complete the test in less than 20 minutes. You will also have up to 15 minutes during the test session to prepare and read before you start the test.



During the test you will interpret two conversations, known as dialogues, between two people: a native English speaker and a native speaker of the language other than English (LOTE).

The test is made up of two audio-recorded dialogues between the two people. Each dialogue is approximately 300 words, with about half in English and half in the LOTE.

Each dialogue will be about a different topic which reflect real-life situations in Australian society.

The dialogues are divided into short segments of 35 words or less, which make up the conversation. After each segment has played, a chime will sound, and then you will interpret what they have said back to the other person.