
DIRECTORY OF ESL COURSES & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA 2006

RICHMOND EDITION

*A comprehensive directory of ESL courses, &
programs, courses, or services which prepare/transition
immigrants to a job or career in British Columbia*

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Thank you

The 2006 edition of the provincial ESL directory includes an update of previous ESL course listings and the addition of new listings for ESL courses, as well as the expansion of the directory to include Employment Programs for Immigrants. This edition has been made possible with funding from the Settlement and Multiculturalism Branch of the Ministry of the Attorney General. This expansion was carried out by ELSA Net, with Brenda Lohrenz as Project Manager and Erika Del Carmen Fuchs as Project Researcher. We acknowledge the involvement of an Advisory Committee for the Expanded Directory Project, as well as of James Harder, responsible for copyediting of the listings. Starting in April 2006, the listings will also be available through a new online searchable Directory database, created by website designer Brian Chard.

For future additions or changes

Please update or add listing information through the new online searchable Directory database interface available through www.elsanet.org, or contact ELSA Net Administration:
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MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

- This directory was made to help newcomers to British Columbia to find English language training or upgrading that suits their needs. It includes courses at public and private colleges and universities, public school boards, private ESL schools, community agencies, and churches. Starting in 2006, it is also intended to help immigrants find programs, courses, or services that will help them in the process of either career training or looking for employment in British Columbia. These include job search clubs, mentoring programs, skills and ESL combined courses, bridging programs for foreign-trained professionals, among other programs. It can also be helpful to international students or visitors to Canada who want to study English.
- Many schools have websites. There is much more information on the websites than in this directory. If you don't know how to use the Internet, you can learn for free at a public library. You may have friends that can help you too.
- Remember that schools, programs, courses, and fees can change. It is your responsibility to check with the individual school you are interested in before registering.
- You may be eligible for the free ELSA (English Language Services for Adults) Program for newcomers. Information is in the ELSA Program Section.
- The English language training and employment program providers that are listed are organized by region in British Columbia. Within the Lower Mainland region, they are further organized by city.
- There is an index of courses with free tuition and courses with child-minding, as well as of Employment Programs for Immigrants.
- We have given tuition fees according to hourly rates. The categories are: Free, \$3/hour or less, \$4 - \$8/hour, and \$9/hour or more. This hourly rate is an average hourly rate, and *not* an outright rate per hour. In most schools, a new student could not study for only a few hours at that hourly rate; they would pay their total tuition and it would work out to be that hourly rate, when divided by hours of instruction. The hourly rate is usually calculated by dividing the hours of instruction into the total tuition or cost of the program or course.
- You can find printable maps and directions for addresses in BC on the My Telus website at www.mytelus.com/maps/index.jsp. For Lower Mainland public transit maps, schedules, and trip planning, visit www.translink.bc.ca or call Translink at (604) 953-3333.

Enjoy your English learning!

ABOUT CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARKS (CLB)

The Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment determines three areas of language ability: listening/speaking, reading, and writing. Some Assessment centres use four areas of language ability: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Each of these skill areas has eight levels of competency called Benchmarks.

Benchmarks are used to determine a student's level in the ELSA program.

Some schools in the directory describe the level of their non-ELSA courses using Benchmarks or "CLB" numbers. These are helpful for the student because Benchmarks are a standard measure. For more information about CLB levels, visit the Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks website at www.language.ca/bench.html.

ABBREVIATIONS

Mon	Monday
Tues	Tuesday
Wed	Wednesday
Thurs	Thursday
Fri	Friday
Sat	Saturday
Sun	Sunday
Jan	January
Feb	February
Mar	March
Apr	April
Aug	August
Sept	September
Oct	October
Nov	November
Dec	December
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ABESAP	Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program
BC	British Columbia
BEC	Business English Certificate
CAE	Certificate in Advanced English
CELBAN	Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses
CELTA	Certificate in English Language Training to Adults
CIE	University of Cambridge International Examinations
CLB	Canadian Language Benchmarks
EAL	English as an Additional Language
ELD	English Language Development
ELSA	English Language Services for Adults
EPT	English Placement Test
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESOL	English as a Second or Other Language
ESP	English for Special Purposes
ext.	Extension
FCE	First Certificate in English
GAC	Global Assessment Certificate
iBT	Internet Based Training
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
IGCSE	International General Certificate of Secondary English
LPI	Language Proficiency Index
PET	Preliminary English Test
SLEP	Secondary Level English Proficiency
TAST	TOEFL Academic Speaking Test
Tel	Telephone
TESL	Teaching English as a Second Language
TESOL	Teaching English as a Second or Other Language
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
TOEIC	Test of English for International Communication
TSE	Test of Spoken English

Section II

ELSA Program

ELSA PROGRAM INFORMATION

(For more information about ELSA, visit www.elsanet.org)

What is ELSA?

ELSA stands for English Language Services for Adults. In BC, ELSA replaces the LINC program (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada). ELSA is basic English training for adult newcomers to Canada and is funded by the government. It is free for students. Some ELSA classes have free child-minding for pre-school age children.

Who can take ELSA?

You must be a newcomer to Canada and at least 17 years old. In some areas there are special visa requirements. Ask at the ELSA Assessment Centre or ELSA school nearest you.

Where can I apply for ELSA?

If you live in **Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Richmond, South Delta, Burnaby, or New Westminster** get an application form from:

Western ESL Services
208 - 2525 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC V5N 4C1
Tel: (604) 876-5756 • Fax: (604) 876-0134

If you live in **Surrey, North Delta, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, or the Fraser Valley** get an application form from:

Surrey Language Assessment Centre
202 - 7337 137th Street, Surrey, BC V3W 1A4
Tel: (604) 507-4150 • Fax: (604) 507-4155

When will I get the test?

If you live in the Lower Mainland, Surrey/Delta, or the Fraser Valley, you must have a test before you can start ELSA. If you live in other regions, you will be tested at your school at a later date.

What are the ELSA levels?

The assessment office or school will decide your level. There are three beginner levels and a literacy level.

Where are ELSA classes?

ELSA classes are in more than 50 different schools throughout British Columbia. They are listed below.

ELSA PROGRAM PROVIDERS

LOWER MAINLAND REGION

BURNABY

BURNABY ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

Contact: Shelley Ingle, Registrar
209 - 6125 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5H 4G1
Email: belc@shawcable.com Tel: (604) 433-1029
Registration hours are:
Mon/Wed/Fri: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Mon & Thurs: 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm

BURNABY HEIGHTS - BURNABY CONTINUING EDUCATION

School District No. 41
Room 23B - 250 Willingdon Avenue
Register: Tues: 6:30 pm
Wed: 11:00 am

EDMONDS NORTH WING RESOURCE CENTRE - BURNABY CONTINUING EDUCATION

School District No. 41
Room 209 - 7355 Canada Way
Register: Tues: 12:45 pm, Room 209

COQUITLAM

IMMIGRANT SERVICES SOCIETY OF BC (ISS)

www.issbc.org
Coquitlam Location: ELSA Tri-Cities & Settlement Services
Contact: Ewa Karczewska, Assistant Manager
136 - 3030 Lincoln Ave, Coquitlam, BC V3B 6B4
Email: elsa.tricities@issbc.org Tel: (604) 942-1777

COQUITLAM CONTINUING EDUCATION

Contact: Nita Jacob, ELSA Program
380 Montgomery Street, Coquitlam, BC V3K 5G2
Email: njacob@sd43.bc.ca Tel: (604) 936-4261

S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

www.success.bc.ca
Coquitlam Locations:
435B North Road, Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9 (Near Extra Foods)
Contact: ELSA Staff
Email: mingb@success.bc.ca Tel: (604) 936-5900

2058 - 1163 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC V3B 8A9 (Inside Henderson Centre)
Contact: ELSA Staff
Email: mingb@success.bc.ca Tel: (604) 468-6000

NORTH VANCOUVER

MOSAIC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH SHORE MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

www.nsms.ca

Contact: Ginny Yildirim, Manager, North Shore English Language Centre
Gina Abernethy, Student Intake

205 - 123 East 15th Street, North Vancouver, BC V7L 2P7

Email: ginnyy@nsms.ca; gabernethy@nsms.ca Tel: (604) 988-2931

RICHMOND

EXCEL EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

Contact: Bernard Tang, ELSA Administrator

220 - 8211 Ackroyd Road, Richmond, BC V6X 3K8

Email: bernardtang.excel@telus.net Tel: (604) 273-8211

IMMIGRANT SERVICES SOCIETY OF BC (ISS)

www.issbc.org

Richmond Location:

Contact: Ewa Karczewska, Assistant Manager

150 - 8400 Alexandra Road, Richmond, BC V6X 3L4

Email: elsa.Richmond@issbc.org Tel: (604) 233-7077

RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUING EDUCATION

www.sd38.bc.ca

Contact: Flaury Bubel, ELSA Coordinator, Continuing Education

Administrative Office - Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3

School Site: Mitchell Adult Learning Centre, 3800 No. 5 Road, Richmond, BC V6X 2T7

Email: fbubel@richmond.sd38.bc.ca Tel: (604) 668-6045

S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

www.success.bc.ca

Richmond Location:

220 - 7000 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond, BC V6Y 3Z5 (Inside Caring Place)

Contact: ELSA Staff

Email: mingb@success.bc.ca Tel: (604) 279-7180

VANCOUVER

COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

www.cnh.bc.ca

Contact: Carla Mountali, Program Assistant/Instructor

School address: First Lutheran Church, 5745 Wales Street, Vancouver BC V5R 3N3

Email: cmountali@cnh.bc.ca Tel: (604) 451-8321

Main Office: 5288 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC V5R 6C9
Tel: (604) 435-0323

IMMIGRANT SERVICES SOCIETY OF BC (ISS)

www.issbc.org

Vancouver Location:

Contact: Diana Smolic, ELSA Project Manager
Donna Woo, Intake Assistant
501 - 333 Terminal Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6A 2L7
Email: dsmolic@issbc.org; elsa@issbc.org Tel: (604) 684-2561, ext. 238/236

LITTLE MOUNTAIN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

www.lmnhs.bc.ca

Contact: Susan Schachter
3981 Main Street, Vancouver, BC V5V 3P3
Email: susan_schachter@lmnhs.bc.ca Tel: (604) 879-7104

MULTILINGUAL ORIENTATION SERVICE ASSOCIATION FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES (MOSAIC)

www.mosaicbc.com

Contact: Nina Miller, Manager, Language Centre
Ivy Chan, Student Intake
301 - 2730 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC V5N 5P4
Email: nmiller@mosaicbc.com; ichan@mosaicbc.com Tel: (604) 684-8825

PACIFIC IMMIGRANT RESOURCES SOCIETY

www.pirs.bc.ca

Contact: Carmen Contreras; Patricia Steiner
Email: info@pirs.bc.ca Tel: (604) 298-5888 Fax: (604) 298-0747

Vancouver Locations:

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
800 East Broadway, Vancouver

The Ware House Centre
2550 Slocan, Vancouver

Sunset Community Centre
404 - East 51st Avenue, Vancouver

S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

www.success.bc.ca

Vancouver Locations:

28 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1R6 (at Carrall Street)

Contact: Ming Berka
Email: mingb@success.bc.ca Tel: (604) 408-7274, ext. 2053

203 - 8268 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6P 4Z4 (at 68th Avenue)

Contact: ELSA Staff
Email: mingb@success.bc.ca Tel: (604) 323-0901

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ELSA PROGRAM INFORMATION

5836 Fraser Street, Vancouver, BC V5W 2Z5 (between 41st & 42nd Avenue)
Contact: ELSA Staff
Email: mingb@success.bc.ca Tel: (604) 324-8300, ext. 107

SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

www.southvan.org
Contact: Wei-Wei Siew; Roberta Kihn
6470 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, BC. V5P 3X7
Email: roberta@southvan.org Tel: (604) 324-6212

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

www.vcc.ca
ELSA Department
Office 3759, 1155 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5T 4V5
Email: dhunter@vcc.ca
General office telephone: (604) 871-7265
Department Head Dale Hunter: (604) 871-7266

VANCOUVER FORMOSA ACADEMY

www.vfa.bc.ca
Contact: James Harder, ELSA Coordinator
5621 Killarney Street, Vancouver, BC V5R 3W4
Email: elsa@vfa.bc.ca Tel: (604) 436-2332

Section III

ESL Courses (non-ELSA) & Employment Programs for Immigrants

RICHMOND

CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE OF GREATER VANCOUVER

[\$4 - \$8/hour]

860 - 4400 Hazelbridge Way
Richmond, BC
V6X 3R8

Telephone: (604) 658-8875

Fax: (604) 658-8854

Email: ccchq@intergate.bc.ca

Website: www.cccvan.com

ESL COURSES:

- ESL: 12 levels.

Remarks: Discount for members. Membership is \$15 a year.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

[Free]

8440 Williams Road
Richmond, BC
V7A 1G6

Telephone: (604) 271-3585

Fax: (604) 271-3586

Contact: Sister Balch

Application Fee: \$0

ESL COURSES:

- General English: Beginner to advanced. Continuous intake. Tues: 1:00 - 3:00 pm; Wed: 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Remarks: Call for more information.

KWANTLEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

[\$4 - \$8/hour]

8771 Lansdowne Road
Richmond, BC
V6X 3V8

Telephone: (604) 599-2742

Fax: (604) 599-2716

Contact: Paul Edwards, Co-chair, English Language Studies Department

Email: paul.edwards@kwantlen.ca

Website: www.kwantlen.ca/esl

Application Fee: \$40

ESL COURSES:

- Diploma in English Language Proficiency: Lower intermediate to upper advanced. Intensive study for students planning to enroll in university studies or career/professional programs. Full-time and part-time.

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS:

- English for Trades: Communication skills for students planning to enroll in trades programs such as Appliance Servicing, Automotive Service Technician, or Welding.

- Graduate Nurse English as an Additional Language: English upgrading for graduate nurses intending to get their RNABC certification.

Remarks: See website for more information.

RICHMOND CAREER CENTRE @ ISS

288 - 8131 Westminster Highway

Richmond, BC

V6X 1A7

Telephone: (604) 233-7031

Fax: (604) 233-7036

Email: rcc@issbc.org

Website: www.issbc.org

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS:

- Employment services centre for unemployed immigrant ESL speakers.
- Individual employment counselling.
- Job search assistance.
- Employment readiness workshops.
- Assessment of HRSDC training assistance applications.
- Job referral and placement services.
- Well-equipped Resource Centre.
- Services provided in Cantonese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Hindi, Vietnamese, and English.

Remarks: All services provided at no cost.

RICHMOND CONTINUING EDUCATION

[\$4 - \$8/hour]

7811 Granville Avenue

Richmond, BC

V6Y 3E3

Telephone: (604) 668-6123 (to register for assessment test); (604) 668-6045

Fax: (604) 668-6571

Contact: Flaury Bubel

Email: fbubel@richmond.sd38.bc.ca

Website: www.sd38.bc.ca

Application Fee: \$0

ESL COURSES:

- ESL: Academic Language Proficiency Program: All levels.

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS:

- English for Nursing Purposes: For Intermediate ESL students.

Remarks: Academic Language Practicing Program for qualified applicants, grades 6-9, intending to earn a high school diploma. Courses offered at many locations. See Course Directory or Website. Click on Continuing Education, then go to Adult ESL.

RICHMOND MULTICULTURAL CONCERNS SOCIETY

[Free]

210 - 7000 Minoru Boulevard [The Caring Place]

Richmond, BC

V6Y 3Z5

Telephone: (604) 279-7160

Website: www.rmcs.bc.ca

Fax: (604) 279-7168

ESL COURSES:

- ESL Conversation. Tues mornings.

Remarks: Membership is \$5 a year. Small fee for photocopies.

RICHMOND PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

[\$95.00/3 months, includes books]

9300 Westminster Highway

Richmond, BC

V6X 1B1

Telephone: (604) 278-3191

Fax: (604) 278-3137

Email: rpchurch@telus.net

ESL COURSES:

- ESL: Beginner to advanced. Morning and evening classes.

Remarks: Call for more information.

RICHMOND WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE

[Free]

110 - 7000 Minoru Boulevard [The Caring Place]

Richmond, BC

V6Y 3Z5

Telephone: (604) 279-7060; (604) 279-7061

Fax: (604) 279-7069

Contact: Diane Talmey, Office Coordinator

Email: rwrw@shawcable.ca

Website: www.richmondwomenscentre.bc.ca

Application Fee: \$0

ESL COURSES:

- English: Conversation group for women. All levels. Continuous intake. Mon: 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
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S.U.C.C.E.S.S. - RICHMOND SERVICE CENTRE

[\$3/hour or less]

220 - 7000 Minoru Boulevard

Richmond, BC

V6Y 3Z5

Telephone: (604) 279-7180

Fax: (604) 279-7188

Contact: Ming Berka; Francis Li

Email: mingb@success.bc.ca;

Website: www.success.bc.ca

francis.li@success.bc.ca

Application Fee: \$0

ESL COURSES:

- English Literacy. Beginner English Conversation (CLB 1-2). Intermediate English Conversation (CLB 3-4). Part-time.

Remarks: Child minding available.

WINDSOR EDUCATION ACADEMY

[\$9/hour or more]

2120 - 8766 McKim Way

Richmond, BC

V6X 4G4

Telephone: (604) 278-6907

Fax: (604) 408-8515

Contact: Angela Du; Diana Fan

Email: windsorclass@yahoo.ca

Website: www.windsoredu.com

Application Fee: \$0

ESL COURSES:

- Intensive English: Varying levels. Morning, afternoon, & all-day classes. Full-time and part-time.
- LPI Preparation. TOEFL Preparation.

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS:

- Business English. English Business Conversation Class.

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Please Note:

- This index does not include ELSA courses, which are all free. (See the ELSA Program section in this directory for more information.)
- Some courses may have free tuition but other small fees for registration, books/materials, or membership. Be sure to read the whole listing in the directory. Call the language training or employment program provider for more information.
- Some courses that are listed as "\$3/hour or less" for tuition are very inexpensive. Call the language training or employment program provider to find out the exact fee.

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Please Note:

- Free child minding is available for students in the ELSA Program at some schools. There may be a waiting list. ELSA programs are described in another section of this Directory. You can ask about child minding when you apply for the program.
- Some language training or employment program provides with non-ELSA courses, programs or services have given information about child minding in this directory. They are listed below. Be sure to read the whole listing. Some child minding is free; some is not. Sometimes it is only for a specific class. Call the provider for more information.

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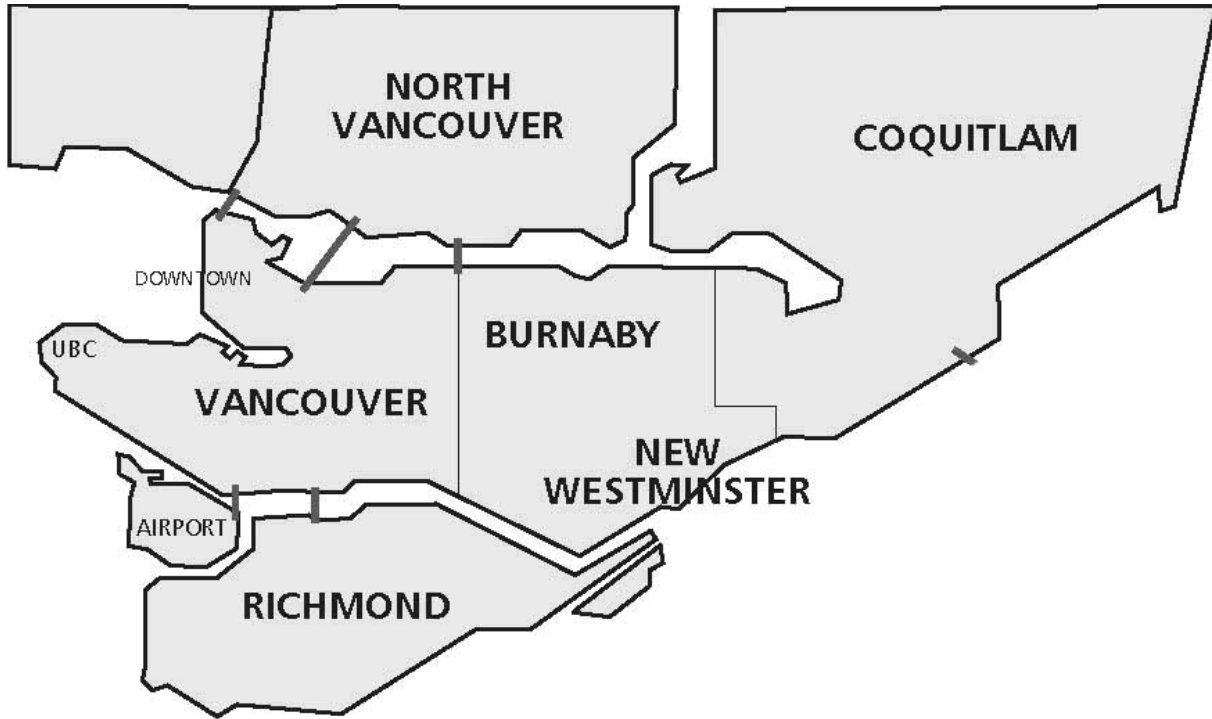
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Lower Mainland Region



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For printable maps and directions for addresses in the Lower Mainland, visit the My Telus website at www.mytelus.com/maps/index.jsp.