

**AS FEDS OPT OUT OF IN-HOUSE LANGUAGE TRAINING. THEY MUST USE ACCREDITED PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE EDUCATION**

*Languages Canada offers more than 170 accredited member programs nation-wide*

January 25, 2012...As recently reported in various media around the country, the federal government is getting out of the business of providing in-house language training to its employees. Generally speaking, about 40 per cent of all federal jobs are designated bilingual and the remaining 60 per cent are English or French essential. Fortunately, Languages Canada, a not-for-profit association, offers more than 170 accredited English and French language education programs, in both the public and private sectors across the country, with 76 member programs in Ontario and Quebec alone.

“In an otherwise strong economy, it’s a real shame to see the federal government put close to 180 teachers and instructors out of work,” says Calum MacKechnie, President of Languages Canada. “Fortunately, Languages Canada offers a strong alternative for English and French language education, with programs that meet very rigorous accreditation standards in curricula and instruction.”

Languages Canada’s 171 member programs represent 60 programs from the public sector and more than 110 from the private sector. Over 154,000 students enrolled in Languages Canada programs in 2010, representing over \$500 million in tuition and almost \$1.5 billion in overall revenue for the country. It’s numbers like these that have Languages Canada internationally recognized as a symbol of excellence, and one that represents Canada as a top destination for quality, accredited English and French language education.

**Languages Canada Member Programs by Province**

Province	Number of Accredited Programs		Province	Number of Accredited Programs	
British Columbia	49 Private	18 Public	Quebec	13 Private	6 Public
Alberta	6 Private	6 Public	New Brunswick		1Public
Saskatchewan		3 Public	Nova Scotia	5 Private	2Public
Manitoba	1 Private	2 Public	P.E.I	1 Private	
Ontario	36 Private	21 Public			

Languages Canada is Canada's premier language organization representing its two official languages: English and French. Membership is limited to schools which meet the rigorous [standards](#) of the association and which are committed to upholding them. Languages Canada is recognized by the Canadian government as well as internationally.

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