

Languages Canada

Conditions of Membership – Affiliated Public Member

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. In these Conditions of Membership, except as context otherwise requires:
- a. “Association” means the Languages Canada Association (“LC”).
 - b. “Languages Canada” means the Languages Canada Association acting through its authorized governance and administrative structures.
 - c. “Affiliated Public Member” means a public post-secondary institution or publicly governed educational entity admitted under this membership category pursuant to the Languages Canada By-laws.
 - d. “Short-Term Language Program” means a program offered by the institution that:
 - Includes an English as an Additional Language (EAL) or French as an Additional Language (FAL) component;
 - Is fewer than four (4) weeks in duration or includes fewer than fifteen (15) hours of language instruction per week; and
 - Does not meet the threshold for Full Membership under the LC Quality Assurance Framework.
 - e. “Governor” for purposes of this category means senior staff members responsible for the Short-Term Language Program, including academic leadership, administration, finance oversight, and student services oversight.
 - f. “Quality Assurance Framework” or “QAF” means the quality assurance scheme owned and administered by the Association.
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2. NATURE OF MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1. Affiliated Public Membership is a distinct category of membership separate from Full, Novice, Assisted, or Listed Membership.
 - 2.2. Affiliated Public Members:
 - a. Are not accredited under the LC Quality Assurance Framework;
 - b. Do not hold voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting;
 - c. Do not represent themselves as LC-accredited language programs;
 - d. May not use LC accreditation marks or branding reserved for accredited members.
 - 2.3. Languages Canada may establish annual fees and other financial obligations applicable to this category from time to time.
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3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for Affiliated Public Membership, an institution must:

- 3.1. Be a public institution governed by provincial or territorial legislation and subject to public accountability and student protection frameworks.
- 3.2. Offer a Short-Term Language Program that:
 - a. Includes a language training component in English or French;
 - b. Is not currently accredited under the LC QAF;
 - c. Does not meet the instructional threshold requiring Full Membership.
- 3.3. Not operate an LC-accredited language preparatory program at the time of application.
- 3.4. Not be a current LC member in another membership category.

- 3.5. Demonstrate that the Short-Term Language Program supports orientation, mobility, pathway, summer camp, leadership, or preparatory objectives and responsible academic oversight within the institution.
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4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The applicant institution represents and warrants that:

- 4.1. All information provided in the application is accurate and complete.
 - 4.2. The Short-Term Language Program complies with applicable provincial or territorial and federal laws and maintains appropriate student safety and protection measures.
 - 4.3. The institution will not market its Short-Term Language Program as LC-accredited or imply equivalency with LC-accredited programs.
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5. QUALITY AND RISK SAFEGUARDS

- 5.1. Although Affiliated Public Members are not subject to formal LC accreditation audits, they agree to:
 - a. Participate in designated LC surveys applicable to this membership category;
 - b. Provide program data as reasonably requested by the Association;
 - c. Maintain internal quality controls consistent with public sector standards.
 - 5.2. Languages Canada reserves the right to request additional information, conduct reviews, or require corrective measures if reputational or compliance concerns arise.
 - 5.3. Languages Canada may suspend or terminate membership if eligibility criteria are no longer met or if the institution misrepresents its membership status.
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6. USE OF BRAND AND IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1. Affiliated Public Members may use a designated “Languages Canada – Affiliated Public Member” identifier, as approved by Languages Canada.
 - 6.2. Such identifier shall be visually and legally distinct from LC accreditation branding.
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7. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit:

- 7.1. A completed Affiliated Public Membership Application Form;
- 7.2. Description of the Short-Term Language Program;
- 7.3. Identification of Program Governors;
- 7.4. Confirmation of public institutional status;
- 7.5. Payment of the prescribed application fee.

Languages Canada retains sole discretion to approve or deny applications.

8. TERMINATION

- 8.1. Membership may be terminated by written resignation or resolution of Languages Canada.
 - 8.2. Termination does not relieve financial obligations already incurred.
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9. EFFECTIVE DATE

These Conditions of Membership are in effect as of February 11, 2026.