

COMM 0015

ENGLISH COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT (ECA)



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[COMM 0015](#) is a BCIT computer-based assessment designed to help determine if your English language skills are at a level necessary to meet the entrance requirements of BCIT full-time programs or part-time studies courses. For more information about the test, including **sample test questions** and **frequently asked questions**, visit bcit.ca/cas/communication/assessmentinfo.

COMM 0015 assesses three English language components:

Part 1: Reading Comprehension: a 20-question multiple-choice test consisting of identifying the main idea, organization, details, general principles, and intent of paragraphs. The suggested time for this section is 60 minutes.

Part 2: Sentence Skills: a 20-question multiple-choice test consisting of identifying sentence errors and choosing the missing components of sentences to make them correct. The suggested time for this section is 30 minutes.

Part 3: Written Composition: a 300- to 600-word composition on a given topic. The maximum time for this section is 60 minutes.

You have 90 minutes total to complete Parts 1 and 2 (combined). The entire test session is approximately two and one-half (2.5) hours long.

HOW TO RESCHEDULE A COMM 0015 TEST DATE

To reschedule your COMM 0015 test date, call 604.434.1610 **before** the date and time of your original test. A \$15 transfer fee will apply. The COMM 0015 test fee is non-refundable.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COMM 0015 TEST

1. You must bring one piece of valid picture identification (a myBCIT card, driver's license, or passport) and proof of registration/receipt to the test. **NOTE:** Without the required identification documents, you will not be permitted to write the test, and your test fee will be forfeited.
2. You may bring pen, pencil, and eraser for making notes (paper will be provided), but the test will be written on the computer. Note-taking is only allowed on the writing portion of the test and must be authorized by the invigilator.

WHEN TO CHECK YOUR COMM 0015 RESULTS

Test marks are generally available for viewing online at bcit.ca/learn after seven (7) business days of writing COMM 0015.

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1. Go to bcit.ca/learn
2. In the login area (top left of screen), enter your full student number (e.g. A00...) and your myBCIT password. Your password, by default, is your birthday (YYMMDD) unless you have changed it.
3. On the welcome page, click on the **COMM 0015** course.
4. Click on "Grades" (in the grey menu bar at top right of screen). Once your test is graded, the screen will show letter grades (matching English 12 grade levels) for each of the three test components, as well as a final score for the test.

Important Note: We **cannot** give results to you over the phone, in person, or by email. You are responsible for checking your own results online. If your marks have not yet appeared, please try again later, and remember that results may not be posted until seven (7) business days after your test.

NEED HELP LOGGING INTO LEARN.BCIT.CA

Please contact BCIT's Student Help desk at 604.412.7444 (toll free at 1.800.351.5533), or send an email to techhelp@bcit.ca, for assistance.

MARKING/REVIEWING TEST

Individual tests cannot be viewed by students after being written. This is partly to ensure the test questions remain secure and valid. In addition, individual test review and feedback is not possible due to the large numbers of students who write the test. To find out how your test is marked, refer to our FAQ webpage at bcit.ca/cas/communication/assessmentfaq.

REWRITING YOUR TEST

Although BCIT has no formal waiting period between tests, we recommend you work on upgrading your skills for at least three months before trying again.

TEST VALIDITY PERIOD

The COMM 0015 recency requirement may vary for each program. Please check with [Admissions](#) or [Program Advising](#), for more information.

BCIT FULL-TIME STUDIES

If your program requires	You need this mark on the COMM 0015 test
English 12 B or better	80
English 12 C+	70
English 12 C	60
English 12 C-/Pass	50

For more information about [English language entrance requirements](#) for specific BCIT programs, please contact [Program Advising](#) at 604.434.1610. To check your application status, go to secure.bcit.ca/sis/apply or contact Admissions at 604.432.8419.

BCIT PART-TIME STUDIES

To meet the entrance requirement for	You need this mark on the COMM 0015 test
COMM 1103, 1120, 2002, 2202, 2003, 2203 ^{*(see below)}	70 or better
COMM 1106 ^{** (see below)}	50 or better
PELD English Upgrading Course ^{*** (see below)}	A placement at the COMM 0071, 0003, 0004, or 0005/0008 level

*You will automatically have the approval to register after seven (7) business days of writing COMM 0015. For course descriptions, dates, times, and tuition fees, visit bcit.ca/cas/communication/courses or call 604.434.1610. Seats are limited, so early registration is highly recommended.

**Students scoring below "70" on COMM 0015 or below "C+" in English 12 are strongly recommended to take COMM 1106. This course is equivalent to COMM 1103 and COMM 1120, and it offers additional grammar support that COMM 1103 and COMM 1120 don't include.

***Your COMM 0015 scores will be used to determine the most appropriate PELD course for you at this time. Please see the following page for more information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please refer to our webpage at bcit.ca/cas/communication/assessmentfaq, for more frequently asked questions.

UPGRADING OPTION: PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (PELD)



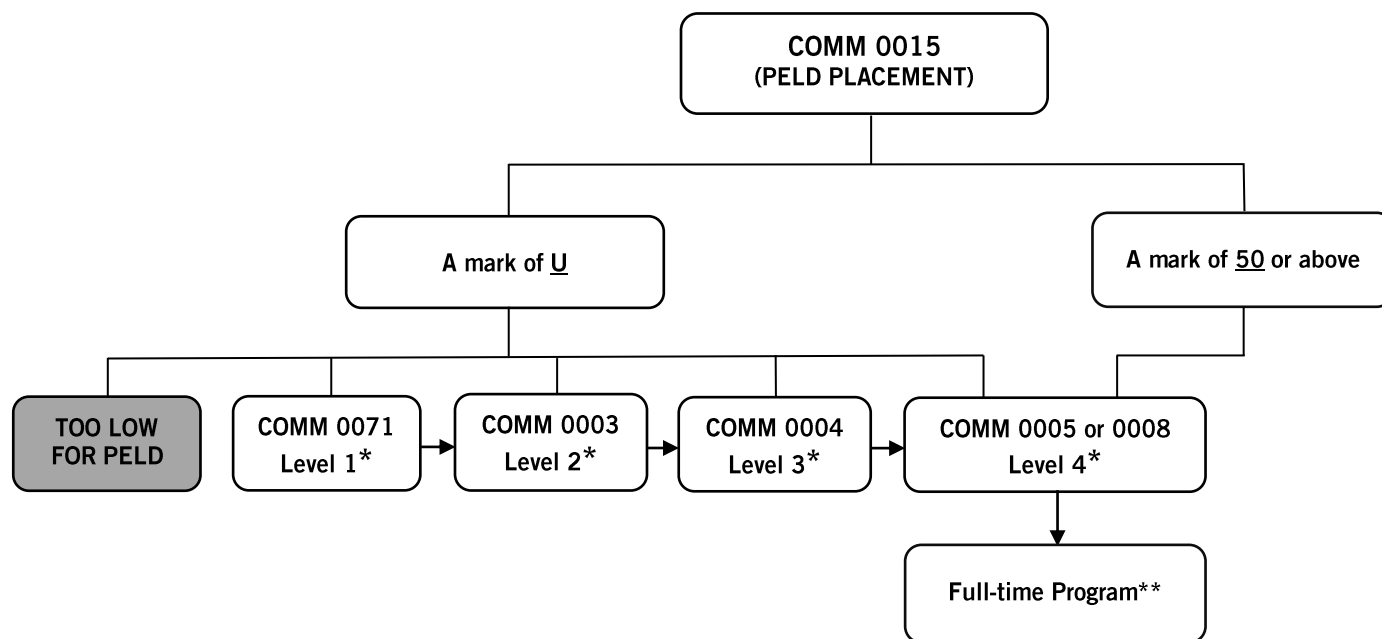
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HOW TO MEET THE ENGLISH ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT FOR BCIT FULL-TIME PROGRAMS

If your level is high enough for PELD courses, you will be placed in [COMM 0071](#), [COMM 0003](#), [COMM 0004](#), or [COMM 0005/0008](#). Please see the chart below.



*Each level is a prerequisite for the next level, with COMM 0005/0008 (equivalent to English 12) being a prerequisite for full-time programs. You need to pass and complete one course before moving on to the next one. For example, if you received a COMM 0003 placement, took COMM 0003 and passed the course, you would then need to take COMM 0004 and COMM 0005/0008.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You cannot take more than one course at a time.

**At BCIT, entrance requirements are program specific. Be sure to check your program entrance requirements for the level of English required. For more information, visit bcit.ca/admission/upgrading/englishproficiency or contact [Program Advising](#).

TOO LOW FOR PELD

If you are not eligible to take our PELD courses at this time, we strongly recommend you work on upgrading your English skills at another educational institution prior to rewriting COMM 0015.

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QUESTIONS

If you have questions about PELD upgrading courses, please visit bcit.ca/cas/communication/peld/courses or send an email to peld@bcit.ca.