

COMM 0033 ENGLISH SPEAKING AND LISTENING ASSESSMENT

[COMM 0033](#) is a computer-based assessment designed to determine if your English speaking and listening skills are at a level necessary to meet the entrance requirements of BCIT full-time programs. Assessments are based on your ability to speak English and understand spoken English effectively. COMM 0033 is administered in a computer-based language-lab environment.

The test consists of two parts:

Part 1: Speaking

This section consists of the following four speaking tasks:

- Reading a passage.
- Describing a picture.
- Giving reasons or expressing an opinion.
- Describing a past experience.

For each task, you will have one-minute to prepare your response, and then you will be expected to speak for one-minute into the microphone on your headset. Your responses will be recorded and accessed by trained evaluators.

Part 2: Listening

This section consists of 20 multiple choice questions. While looking at pictures of the speakers on the computer, you will listen to a conversation or lecture. The question is then read, followed by the four answer choices. The suggested time for this section is 40 minutes.

The entire COMM 0033 test session is approximately 1.5 hours long. Note: There are no sample test questions available.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE COMM 0033 TEST

There are no sample test questions available for [COMM 0033](#). COMM 0033 evaluates your overall English speaking and listening skills - and improving your overall speaking and listening skills is a long-term process. You need to do whatever it takes to improve your own skills. Check the Internet for ESL listening resources. You may also find it useful to practice recording yourself speaking: 1) reading short passages aloud with natural rhythm and 2) speaking continuously for one minute on a variety of topics.

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR COMM 0033 REGISTRATION

CRN = Course Reference Number. This unique five digit number is assigned to each course section. Each section has a different CRN and is the number used to identify the COMM 0033 section you are registered in. Please double check your registration payment receipt form or log in to your myBCIT account to make sure that you are registered in the section you want. If you need to confirm your COMM 0033 CRN and schedule, contact [Student Information and Enrolment Services](#) at 604.434.1610. If you do not show up to the test on the original test date and time, you will lose your test fee without exceptions.

HOW TO RESCHEDULE YOUR COMM 0033 TEST

The COMM 0033 test fee is non-refundable. If you are unable to attend a test session for which you are registered, you can transfer to an available test date. Your request for transfer must be received by [Student Information and Enrolment Services](#) at least one business day BEFORE the date and time of your original test. A transfer fee will apply. All transfer requests will be refused after the original test date without exceptions.

HOW OFTEN CAN YOU TAKE THE COMM 0033 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.

WHEN TO CHECK YOUR COMM 0033 TEST RESULTS

Test marks are available for viewing online via the [Learning Hub](#) after seven (7) business days of taking COMM 0033. 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.

VALIDITY PERIOD FOR THE COMM 0033 TEST RESULTS

The COMM 0033 test results are valid for 2 years after the test date. There must be no more than two years between your test date and your BCIT program start date. If you have questions about program entrance requirements, contact [Program Advising](#) at 604.434.1610.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMM 0033 TEST RESULTS

If your program requires	You need this mark on the COMM 0033 test
English 12-----86% (A)	90
English 12-----73% (B)	80
English 12-----50 - 67% (C- to C+)	70

Entrance requirements are program specific. Be sure to check your program [English language entrance requirements](#) for the level of English required. For more information, visit the program web page or contact [Program Advising](#).

Speaking and Listening Upgrading Courses	You need this mark on the COMM 0033 test
COMM 0030 Level 2 A final mark in COMM 0030 equal to or above the required entrance mark for your program will meet the speaking and listening entrance requirement.	60
COMM 0029 Level 1	50
No course available. We do not have a suitable course for you based on your level of English. We strongly recommend you work on upgrading your skills at another educational institution prior to retaking COMM 0033.	<u>U</u> (unsatisfactory)

SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE COMM 0033 TEST

The Listening section of the test is marked by computer. This computer score is converted into a BCIT grade: A, B, C+, C, C-, or U (Unsatisfactory).

The Speaking section of the test is marked independently by two trained markers from BCIT's Communication Department. You must pass both sections of the test to receive a passing mark. If you pass both sections, your performance in each test section is assessed and compared to determine your skill level. To ensure the final mark is a reasonably accurate indication of your skill level, your final mark will be the lower of your two marks if there is a one-grade difference in the marks. If one of your marks is two or three grades above the other mark, your final mark will be one mark higher than your lowest mark.

REVIEW OF TEST QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IS NOT ALLOWED

We are unable to release the answers to test questions or any other work that you completed as part of your test to you. 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 take the test.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Please check out our [FAQ](#) page for answers to many common questions.