CRS Booster Checklist

Express Entry Score Optimization · 5 Key Areas

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Use this checklist to identify which areas of your Express Entry profile are unoptimized — and how many points you could gain.

Take a CLB mock test

CELPIP / IELTS General / PTE Core

Up to 118 pts

- If below CLB 9 → book a retest and coordinate timing with your application window
- Test results are valid 2 years from the test date — don't let scores expire before submitting

Audit your foreign work history

includes jobs during studies & self-employment

Up to 100 pts

- Confirm each role is TEER 0–3 and document hours and duties carefully
- Self-employment and work during studies both count if the work was skilled and paid

Book your spouse's language test

CLB 9 = 20 pts · CLB 7 = 12 pts · untested = 0 pts

Up to 40 pts

- Check spouse education — an ECA is required for any foreign credentials
- Claim Canadian work experience: 1 year = 5 pts, 5+ years = 10 pts

Assess your French level formally

even basic French is worth a formal test

Up to 50 pts

- NCLC 7+ → up to 50 CRS points + access to dedicated French category draws
- NCLC 5 oral → Francophone Mobility work permit (no LMIA required)

Verify your NOC & category eligibility

do this before everything else if you are unsure

Lower cutoff

- Look up your NOC on canada.ca and confirm your TEER level is correct
- Check whether your occupation appears on the active category draw list

⚡ **Transferability points (language + education or language + foreign work) are a separate bucket from core language points.**

You can earn both simultaneously — retesting your language can unlock multiple transferability categories at once.

Watch this full video on the most effective ways to boost your CRS score. 👇

Overlooked CRS Boosters for Express Entry 2026

Express Entry Category-Based Draws 2026 👇

Are You in a Priority Category or Not?

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