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COUNTRY: CANADA

INSTITUTION(S): Canadian Defence Academy

The Canadian Defence Academy (CDA), as Training Authority for Language Education and Training in the Canadian Forces, directs the following Training Establishments to provide language programme delivery: the Canadian Forces Language School (CFLS) with its three detachments (Borden, National Capital Region Training Company and St-Jean); four Language Training Centers (LTC) operated by the Environments (at Esquimalt and Shearwater by the Royal Canadian Navy, at Valcartier by the Canadian Army, and at Winnipeg by the Royal Canadian Air Force, as well as on various bases throughout the country), the Royal Military College of Canada in Ontario, and the Royal Military College St-Jean in Quebec.

1. TRAINING MANDATE:

- a. Second Official Languages (French and English) Education and Training (SOLET) courses of various duration and leading to different linguistic profiles, as well as SOL maintenance and refresher services, are offered to CF members in classrooms and through directed and self-study online learning activities.
- b. Foreign Languages (French and English) are offered to students from other nations under the Military Training & Cooperation Programme (MTCP). One special component of the programme is the Language Teacher Training Course (LTTC) offered in English only.
- c. Other Foreign Language (FL) training were conducted during 2011 in Arabic (Egyptian, Syrian, Sudanese, Libyan, and MSA), Chinese, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, and Spanish. The clients were military attachés and their assistants, exchange and arms control verification officers, as well as communication research specialists.

2. TESTING MANDATE:

Students graduating from all SOLET and FL programmes, and CF members who require a language proficiency profile in an official or foreign language, undergo certification testing. All CF members are eligible for baseline tests and after a SOLET profile is certified, are tested every five years to recertify.

3. STANDARDS USED (IN ADDITION TO STANAG 6001):

- a. The Public Service Commission (PSC) Level Descriptors for Official Languages;
- b. STANAG 6001 Ed 4 for English and French as Foreign Languages; and
- c. ILR for all other Foreign Languages.



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4. COURSES OPEN TO OTHER NATIONS:

English and French courses under the MTCP umbrella as well as LTTC are open to other nations and bodies.

5. RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO REQUESTING NATIONS:

Curricula developed in-house for various FLs (excluding French and English as official languages) can be made available to requesting nations.

6. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

a. On-line French and English language learning and language maintenance services.

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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