



Task Title: Comparing CAEC and OSSD

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Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes No

Goal Path: Employment Apprenticeship

Secondary School Post Secondary Independence

Task Description: The learner will review differences between the Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) and Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.2
- Use Digital Technology/D.1

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper
- Computer or digital device

Learner Information

Working towards your goals may require completing the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC). Both are available to Ontario residents. Choosing to pursue one or the other may depend on your educational background and employment goals.

Go to the <https://www.ilc.org/pages/ossd-vs-caec> website and scan "CAEC vs OSSD: Which is right for me?"

Work Sheet

Task 1: What is the minimum age you must be, and the length of time you must be out of school, before you can register to write the CAEC test?

Answer:

Task 2: If you are under 18, what are your options for getting your Grade 12?

Answer:

Task 3: What is the time commitment required for the CAEC compared to the OSSD?

Answer:

Task 4: What is the difference between the CAEC and OSSD when applying for post-secondary studies or entering the workforce?

Answer:

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Task 5: List the email addresses you could use to ask questions about the CAEC or OSSD.

Answer:

Answers

Task 1: What is the minimum age you must be, and the length of time you must be out of school, before you can register to write the CAEC test?

Answer: 18 years, one year out of school

Task 2: If you are under 18, what are your options for getting your Grade 12?

Answer: If you are under 18 years of age, you cannot register for the CAEC but may continue working towards the OSSD at a high school or online through ILC.

Task 3: What is the time commitment required for the CAEC compared to the OSSD?

Answer: The CAEC is a 7.5-hour test that most candidates take 1 year to prepare for. The OSSD typically takes 4 years for completion of all credits required for graduation.

Task 4: What is the difference between the CAEC and OSSD when applying for post-secondary studies or entering the workforce.

Answer: With the CAEC, you will be able to apply directly to a workplace. With an OSSD, you will be able to apply to a university or college, or apprenticeship program, or apply directly to a workplace.

Task 5: List the email addresses you could use to ask questions about the CAEC or OSSD.

Answer:

CAEC: caec@tvo.org OSSD: ilc@tvo.org

Performance Descriptors

Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
A1.2	Makes connections between sentences and between paragraphs in a single text			
	Scans text to locate information			
	Locates multiple pieces of information in simple texts			
	Reads more complex texts to locate a single piece of information			
	Makes low-level inferences			
	Obtains information from detailed reading			
D.1	Follows simple prompts			
	Follows apparent steps to complete tasks			
	Interprets brief text and icons			

This task: Was successfully completed Needs to be tried again

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Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

Learner (print):
