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Policy:

As outlined in the Requirements for registration section in the *Midwives Regulations* (2016), *Dental Hygienists Regulations* (2013), *Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Regulations* (2013), *Medical Laboratory Technologists Regulations* (2012), *Respiratory Therapists Regulations* (2012), and *Acupuncturists Regulations* (2012) under the *Health Professions Act* (2010), the applicant shall provide proof of a working knowledge of the English language that the registration committee considers sufficient to enable the person to practice in the province. Applicants, upon verification that their program of study was provided in the English language, will be exempt from providing documentation of English language proficiency.

If the applicants training as a health professional was not provided in English applicants must:

- a) meet the language proficiency requirements of their national body as adopted by the following Colleges such as: College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- OR**
- b) provide certified documentation of completed scores in either the International English Language Testing System Academic Test (IELTS AC) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL-iBT). NLCHP recognizes IELTS-AC and the TOEFL-iBT as approved tests for English language proficiency.

Upon initial registration, individuals must provide proof of valid test scores taken no longer than two years prior to the date of the registration application submission.



Applicants must achieve the following minimum scores on one of the following tests:

IELTS AC: (overall minimum of 7)

- Listening- 7
- Reading- 7
- Writing- 7
- Speaking- 7

TOEFL iBT: (overall minimum 88)

- Listening- 20
- Reading- 22
- Writing- 22
- Speaking- 24

References

<https://www.ieltscanada.ca/>

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