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Policy: English Language Proficiency

Category:	Registration	Date Established	July 2012
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Purpose: As outlined in the requirements for registration 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.

Definitions: NA

Policy: Applicants may demonstrate English language proficiency in either one of the following ways: through education, work experience, or language proficiency testing.

Education:

- Completion of an education program in Canada. Documentation that the language of instruction for both theory and clinical was English is required.
- Completion of an education program outside of Canada where instruction in both theory and clinical was completed in English. Verification is required directly from the applicant's education institution.

Work experience:

- Evidence of safe practice within the last two (2) years where service was provided in English and where the primary language of the practice setting, and clients was English. Verification is required directly from the employer(s).

Language proficiency testing:

- Applicants proceeding through education equivalency assessment, must meet the language proficiency requirements of the third-party assessor specific to each health profession. Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists, Medical Laboratory Technologists (Appendix 1) and Respiratory Therapists.



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- Achieving the required scores results of one of the English language proficiency tests specific to each health profession. Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists, Medical Laboratory Technologists (Appendix 1) and Respiratory Therapists.



Appendix 1 - Approved Language Proficiency Assessments & Scores (MLTs)

Applicants must meet the minimum score in each language skill area (writing, speaking, listening, and reading) for one of the approved language assessments listed below. All scores must meet the minimum requirements in one sitting. [IELTS One Skill Retake](#) will be accepted.

English Language Proficiency Assessments

- **IELTS-AC:** International English Language Testing System - Academic
- **IELTS-G:** International English Language Testing System General o <https://www.ielts.ca/>
- **IELTS One Skill Retake** provides an equitable solution for test takers who demonstrated a high degree of English proficiency on the IELTS test day, but who didn't perform to the best of their ability on one section of the assessment: they may opt to retake one skill (Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking), rather than having to sit the test in its entirety. They have 60 days from the original test date to retake the one skill.
- **MELA:** Michener English Language Assessment o <https://www.themela.com/test.html> *No longer offered on-line
- **CELPIP G:** Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program General o <https://www.celpip.ca/>
- **PTE Core: Pearson Test of English**
o <https://www.pearsonpte.com/pte-core>

Language Skill	CELPIP G	IELTS GT	IELTS AC	MELA	CLB	PTE (Core)
Listening	9	7.5	7.5	8	8	71 - 81
Reading	8	6.5	6.5	8	8	76 - 83
Speaking	8	6.5	6.5	8	8	69 - 77
Writing	8	6.5	6.0	7	7	69 - 78
Overall	-	-	7.0	-	8	-