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PURPOSE

To provide clear and concise information to applicants regarding the minimum requirements for English language proficiency.

SCOPE

All applicants to CSHBC who are not exempted due to one or more of the following exemption criteria.

Exemptions

1. Canadian-educated applicants who demonstrate that they have graduated from an education program listed in Schedule C of the CSHBC Bylaws.
2. Internationally-educated applicants who demonstrate that they graduated from an acceptable academic program, as defined in Schedule D of the CSHBC bylaws, which was delivered in English. This must include all academic learning and clinical practice.
3. Applicants applying under section 71 of the CSHBC Bylaws (labour mobility within Canada) who demonstrated English proficiency in the course of being registered in the Canadian jurisdiction from which they are transferring.
4. Applicants for Temporary and Temporary (teaching) registration who:
 - a. Are a registrant of another Canadian jurisdiction, to whom they demonstrated English proficiency in order to become registered; or
 - b. Are a registrant of a non-Canadian jurisdiction whose official language(s) includes English, **and** are able to demonstrate that they completed their post-secondary education in the profession to which they are applying in English. This must include all academic learning and clinical practice.

POLICY

For applicants who are not exempted, the minimum acceptable standardized language tests and scores¹ are as follows:

Language:	English	
Acceptable test:	TOEFL Internet Based Test	IELTS (AC or GT)
Required minimum score:	Speaking: 26 Listening: 26 Reading: 22 Writing: 24	Speaking: 7.5 Listening: 8 Reading: 7.5 Writing: 7.5

Successful completion of one of the approved tests must be within the last two years from the date of application to CSHBC. Test results must be submitted to the Registrar directly from the approved testing organization.

Lower Test Scores

Applicants who do not meet the minimum acceptable standardized language test and score requirements as outlined above will be required to successfully meet the minimum standards before the application for registration can be submitted to the Registration Committee.

¹ These are informed by language benchmarking work for the professions completed by the Canadian Centre for Language Benchmarks (CCLB) and mapped to Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) of 9 in all domains of language use (speaking, listening, reading, and writing).