
Policy: **Language Requirements**

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Purpose

The objective of this policy is to provide applicants with information on the English language proficiency requirements set by the council to be eligible for registration.

Policy

The CMLPSK (SSMLT) requires that applicants demonstrate English language proficiency, per the Regulatory Bylaws, which state:

4 (1) All applicants for admission to membership in practicing and provisional practicing membership categories must:

(a) meet the English language requirement approved by the council;

Authority

[The Medical Laboratory Technologists Act, 1995](#)

[The Regulatory Bylaws](#)

Procedure

Applicants applying to be registered with the college must demonstrate English language proficiency. This may be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

1. MLT EDUCATION IN CANADA
 - Submit official transcript from an approved MLT education program in Canada, where English was the language of instruction for classroom and clinical components.
2. POST SECONDARY EDUCATION IN CANADA
 - Submit official transcript of graduation from a post-secondary education program (diploma or degree) in Canada, where English was the language of instruction.

3. REGISTERED TO PRACTICE AS A MLT IN ANOTHER CANADIAN JURISDICTION
 - Evidence of current registration and practice (letter of standing) in English as an MLT in a regulated Canadian jurisdiction.

4. PRACTICING (WORKING) AS A MLT IN A NON-REGULATED CANADIAN JURISDICTION
 - Evidence of practice as a MLT must be supplied by the employer directly to CMLPSK indicating the workplace language is English.

5. LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT
 - Achieve a minimum score in each language skill area (listening, reading, speaking, and writing) from one of the approved language assessments.
 - The language assessment must be submitted directly by the assessment agency to CMLPSK within **two years** of the date of the completion.
 - If the official language assessment is received prior to an application, the assessment must still be valid at the time the application is received.

APPROVED LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS AND SCORES

- CELPIP G: Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program General
 - <https://www.celpip.ca/>
- MELA: Michener English Language Assessment
 - <https://michener.ca/continuing-education/ce-courses/mela/>
- IELTS: International English Language Testing System
 - AC: Academic
 - G: General
 - <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.
- PTE Core: Pearson Test of English
 - <https://www.pearsonpte.com/pte-core>

	CELPIP	MELA	IELTS AC	IELTS GT	PTE
Listening	9	8	7.5	7.5	71-81
Reading	8	8	6.5	6.5	76-83
Speaking	8	8	6.5	6.5	69-77
Writing	8	7	6.5	6.0	69-78

References

- CAMLPR - CCLB Language Proficiency Report 2021
- Canadian alliance of physiotherapist regulators <https://alliancept.org/internationally-trained/credentialing-overview/policies/2-2-language-proficiency/>
- Pharmacy Gateway for Internationally educated pharmacists <https://www.napra.ca/publication/napra-language-proficiency-requirement-policy/>
- Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators https://copr.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Assessment-of-International-Applicants-Handbook_21Nov16_CLW.pdf
- Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulatory Organizations <https://acotro-acore.org/seas/documents-required/>

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