

	<b>English Language Proficiency POLICY</b>
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### *Background*

The Regulated Health Professions Act indicates that an applicant must be reasonably proficient in written and spoken English to be eligible for registration. This is to ensure that an applicant, once registered, can safely and effectively communicate with clients and other members of the health care team.

### *Purpose*

The purpose of this policy is to describe what evidence of English Language Proficiency will be acceptable to CRNMPEI.

### *1.0 Policy*

- 1.1 Canadian applicants must have completed a nursing program where English was the language of instruction for both theory and clinical. A written statement from the nursing program may be required.
- 1.2 Online or distance education programs are not accepted as proof of proficiency.
- 1.3 Registration in another Canadian jurisdiction where the applicant has met that jurisdiction's English language requirement.
- 1.4 Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) must complete one of the following English language tests and achieve the following scores when English was not the language of instruction for their nursing education:

Test Component	International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic	Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nursing (CELBAN)
Speaking	7.0	8
Listening	7.0	9
Reading	6.5	8
Writing	6.5	7
Overall	7.0	n/a

- 1.5 English Language Proficiency Test results will expire two years from the date the test was completed. If the test results expire prior to registration, your application will be placed on hold until an updated test is received or proof that one of the other criteria has been met.
- 1.6 In lieu of an English Language Proficiency test, an IEN must provide proof of employment for a minimum of 24 months in a practice setting where English was the primary language used. A written statement from the employer is required.