



TYPE	Registration
NAME	Language Proficiency Requirements Policy
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INTENT

The Ontario Regulation 833/93 (Registration) requires that applicants demonstrate reasonable fluency in English or French. Fluency in the English or French language is essential to providing effective care to the public. This policy outlines the minimum language proficiency requirements that a candidate must demonstrate in order to sit the qualifying examination. This policy also outlines the rationale for having a candidate demonstrate fluency before sitting the qualifying examination.

THE POLICY

All candidates must demonstrate reasonable fluency in English or French when applying to sit the qualifying examination. An applicant whose first language is English or French, and/or his/her relevant health care education and instruction was in English or French, it is considered that the applicant has demonstrated fluency in either language. Applicants who do not meet it as stated will require demonstrating fluency through a language proficiency test.

The College accepts objective, third party, standardized language proficiency tests as evidence of language proficiency in English or French. The College will only accept test results that are dated within two years of the application. Language proficiency tests do not have to be specifically taken for applying to the College however, do need to meet the minimum scores as stated in the Table below and be sent directly to College from 3rd party.

The College moreover maintains that candidates are required in the Qualifying Examination, as they will in their practice once registered, to interact with patient medical history forms and other documents from health care providers. Patient information must be understood, analyzed and integrated in a short period of time, often under pressure. Therefore, to ensure language is not a barrier to success, candidates who apply to sit the qualifying examination must demonstrate fluency in either language.

Option	Language Proficiency Test	Minimum Score
1.	TOEFL (Paper-based) http://www.ets.org/toefl/	560
2.	TOEFL (Internet-based) . http://www.ets.org/toefl/	Overall minimum of 86 Including a minimum of Reading 20/30 Listening 20/30 Speaking 23/30 Writing 20/30

3.	IELTS http://www.ieltscanada.ca/ (Academic or General Training)	Overall minimum of 6.5 (academic and/or general training) Including a minimum of Reading 6.5 Listening 6.5 Speaking 6.5 Writing 6.5
4.	CanTEST http://www.cantest.uottawa.ca/	Reading 4.0 Listening 4.0 Speaking 4.0 Writing 4.0
5.	TESTCan http://www.testcan.uottawa.ca/	Reading 4 Listening 4 Speaking 4 Writing 4

RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

Denturism Act, 1991

Ontario Regulation 833/93 (Registration)

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PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

1. A candidate will be required to make a declaration on the qualifying examination application form if first language is English or French or his/her relevant health care education and instruction was in English or French. Proof of the declaration may be required.
2. Candidates who make this declaration will be considered to have met requirement.
3. Candidates who cannot make this declaration are required to complete a language proficiency test.
4. Candidates who have completed a language test within the past two years before application date from any of the recognized fluency test centre's listed in table. Should contact the centre and request that a copy of said language test be sent to the College directly and indicate this information on the Qualifying Examination application form.
5. Language proficiency test scores must be provided with his/her application prior to attempting the Qualifying Examination.
6. Third Party language proficiency test providers indicate that at minimum results take 10 business days from date of test. Candidates should consider this amount of time when applying to sit the qualifying examination.
7. The Candidate is responsible for the cost of the language proficiency test.

DEFINITIONS

“Act” means the *Denturism Act, 1991* and includes the regulations made under it

IELTS - The International English Language Testing System – Academic or General Training Modules

CanTEST -The Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees

TOEFL®iBT -Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet Based

TOEFL®PBT- Test of English as a Foreign Language- Paper Based

CanTEST -The Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees

TESTCan -Test pour étudiants et stagiaires au Canada) is the French version of CanTEST.

“Business days” means any day of the week, excluding Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays

REVISION CONTROL

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