

## Policy & Procedure

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### TOPIC: PROOF OF ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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#### **Policy:**

If the applicant's primary language is other than English or French or if the applicant has been educated in physiotherapy in a language other than English or French, the applicant is required to demonstrate competency in English or French.

#### **Procedure:**

The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators and the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba will accept one of the following language tests as proof of fluency:

1. Written evidence of a total score of at least 585 on the **Paper-Based** Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or 239 on the **Computer-Based** TOEFL or 80 on the **Internet Based** TOEFL.
  - a. If you take the **Paper Based** TOEFL you must have a minimum score of 50 on each of the three components **plus** a minimum score of 45 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE).
  - b. If you take the **Computer-Based** TOEFL, you must have a minimum score of 16 on the Listening section, 18 on the Structure Writing section and 17 on the Reading section **plus** a minimum score of 45 on the TSE.
  - c. If you take the **Internet-Based** TOEFL (iBT), you must have a minimum score of 20 on the Listening section, 19 on the Writing section, 20 on the Reading section and 19 on the Speaking section.

TOEFL Component	Minimum Scores		
	Paper-Based Test	Computer-Based Test	Internet-Based Test iBT
Listening	50	16	20
Structure/Writing	50	18	19
Reading	50	17	20
Test of Spoken English (TSE)	45	45	
Speaking Test			19
Total Score	585	239	80

**OR**

2. A total score on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) of at least 85 plus an oral interview rating of at least 3.

**OR**

3. An average score on the CanTEST (standardized English proficiency test administered by the University of Ottawa in Canada) of at least 4. With no component lower than 4, plus an oral interview rating of at least 4.5.

**OR**

4. An overall score of at least 7 on the Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Your test must include all components: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

**OR**

5. A total score of 800 on the Listening and Reading components and a score of at least 160 on the Writing Test and at least 160 on the Speaking Test of the Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC).

**OR**

6. An average score on the TEST (standardized French proficiency test administered by the University of Ottawa in Canada) of at least 4, with no component lower than 4, plus an oral interview rating of at least 4.5.

**OR**

7. Written evidence of successful completion of a French language proficiency test given by an agency recognized by the Alliance and the College. Contact the Canadian Alliance for information on the tests that are accepted. (Tel: 416-234-8800)

**Rationale:**

Physiotherapists working in Manitoba are part of the health care team and must be able to communicate effectively with clients/patients and other health care team members.

**Legislative Reference:**

Regulations 4(1)(c), 6(1)(e)

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