

L- 16 Language Proficiency

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Applicants for registration with the Manitoba Association of Registered Respiratory Therapists (MARRT) whose first language is not in English or French and whose respiratory therapy education/instruction was not in English or French must demonstrate fluency in either language. This policy sets out the accepted English and French language proficiency test scores for registration with the MARRT.

2. DEFINITIONS

None

3. POLICY

Applicants looking to demonstrate their ability to communicate fluently in either English or French will need to submit one of the following approved test scores.

a. ACCEPTED LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS

An applicant for registration who is required to demonstrate language proficiency must submit a copy of their test score report with their initial application for registration. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the language proficiency test. Applications will not be approved for licensure or referred to the competency assessment process without meeting the approved language proficiency scores. Part b. of this section contains a list of the Language Proficiency Tests that the MARRT accepts, as well as the minimum benchmark scores that must be achieved by applicants.

For test results to be accepted by the MARRT, all four domains (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) must have been tested in a single testing session. Overall scores alone are not accepted. Test results are valid for two (2) years from the date of the language assessment. Results that are valid at

the point of submission with an application for registration will be considered valid for the duration of the registration process. At the time of application, if the language assessment and resulting test score is greater than two years since the language assessment was conducted, the applicant will be required to provide an explanation to the MARRT of their activities and how they actively used their English or French language skills over the past two years. Following a review of the individual circumstances, the MARRT reserves the right to determine whether the two-year limit on the language assessment results can be waived or whether a new language proficiency assessment test must be conducted. This is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

b. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST SCORES

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic (AC) or General Training (GT)				
Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall
7	7	7	7	7
Michener English Language Assessment (MELA)				
Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall
8	8	9	9	N/A
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT				
Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall
22	20	24	24	90
Canadian Academic English Language Test (CAEL)				
Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall
70	70	80	70	70
Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program – General (CELPIP – G)*				
Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall
8	8	9	8	N/A

*Note: **CELPIP – General LS** is **not** accepted by the MARRT as proof of language proficiency.

C. FRENCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENT TEST SCORES

Test d'évaluation de français (TEF)*				
Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall
233-247	349-370	298-315	349-370	N/A
Test de connaissance du français pour le Canada (TCF Canada)**				
Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall
499-523	12-13	524-548	12-13	N/A

*Note: TEF intégration, résidence et nationalité (IRN) is **not** accepted by the MARRT as proof of language proficiency.

Note: TCF intégration, résidence et nationalité (TCF – IRN) is **not accepted by the MARRT as proof of language proficiency.

4. REFERENCES

- Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELP) - <https://www.celpip.ca/>
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - www.ielts.org/default.aspx
- Michener English Language Assessment (MELA) - www.themela.com
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT - www.ets.org/toefl
- Canadian Academic English Language Test (CAEL) - www.cael.ca
- Test de connaissance du français pour le Canada (TCF Canada) - <https://www.tcfca.com/tcf-canada/>
- Test d'évaluation de français (TEF) - <https://www.lefrancaisdesaffaires.fr/>