



Fact Sheet

Language Proficiency Requirements

For entry to practice

An applicant for registration must be able to communicate effectively in English and/or French. You will need to submit documentation to support the required status of fluency if:

-  Your first language is neither French nor English, and
-  Your relevant health care instruction was not in French or English.

The Nova Scotia College of Respiratory Therapists will accept one of the following tests scores as proof of language proficiency. A copy of the applicant's score report must be submitted with the initial application for registration. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the language proficiency test.

English:

CanTEST

Reading: 4 Writing: 4 Listening: 4 Speaking: 4.5

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Overall band score: 7

Michener English Language Assessment (MELA)

Reading: 8 Writing: 8 Listening: 9 Speaking: 9

Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)

Total score at least 85, plus an oral rating of at least 3

Test of English as Foreign Language TOEFL – Internet based

Total: 92 Reading: 21 Writing: 21 Listening: 21 Speaking: 24

TOEFL – Paper based

580 plus Test of Spoken English (TSE) 50

TOEFL – Computer based

237 plus Test of Spoken English (TSE) 50

French:

Test pour étudiants et stagiaires au Canada (TEStCan)

A minimum score of 5 in each category.

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TESL (Saint Mary's University)
<http://www.smu.ca/academic/tesl/certificate.html>

CanTEST (Saint Mary's University)
<http://www.smu.ca/academic/tesl/cantest.html>

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
<http://www.ili.ca/> (Halifax); international@ucles.org.uk (international)
www.ielts.org

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
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