



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

### Physicians trained outside of Canada

For physicians trained outside of Canada who did not, at the time of licensure in Canada, have to demonstrate English language proficiency, applicants will require language proficiency testing.

English language testing (basic):

1. IELTS academic version within the last 24 months at the time of application, and achieved a minimum score of 7.0 in each of the four components in the same sitting; or
2. **NEW:** Occupational English Test – Medicine (OET-Medicine), with a minimum grade of B in each of the four subsets in the same sitting; or
3. **NEW:** Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program – General (CELP-IP-General) Test, with a minimum score of 9 in each of the four skills in the same sitting

**Exemptions:** Applicants trained outside of Canada (undergraduate and/or postgraduate medical education) may be exempted from English language proficiency testing if

- A. the applicant's undergraduate or postgraduate medical education was taken in: Australia, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America, US Virgin Islands; and the Caribbean Islands of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Grenadines, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago.
- B. the applicant can provide satisfactory evidence that is acceptable to the CPSM of appropriate exposure to English language in training and practice (*NOTE: evidence must be submitted to CPSM directly from the university/employer*). For example, evidence could be provided to support the following:
  - (a) taken in their totality, the majority (>50%) of the applicant's undergraduate and/or postgraduate medical education was in English;
  - (b) taken in its totality, the majority (>50%) of patient care provided by the applicant was in English;