



# English Language Proficiency

## AN APPLICANT MUST:

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1. Have taken IELTS academic version within the previous 24 months and achieved a minimum of 7.0 in each of the components (**Note: IELTS does not offer sub-tests on their examinations**); **or**,
2. Have taken OET-medicine version within the previous 24 months and achieved a minimum grade of B in each of the four subtests (**Note: OET offers sub-tests. The CPSS may accept a subtest if it is obtained within the same 24 months as the original OET-medicine exam was taken and a minimum grade of B was obtained. For example: Exam taken May 18, 2022 is valid until May 18, 2024. Any sub-test taken between those dates, with a minimum grade of B, may be considered**); **or**,
3. Have taken CELPPIP – General within the previous 24 months and achieved a minimum grade of 9 in each of the four skill sections (**Note: CELPIP does not offer sub-tests on their examinations**); **or**
4. Have taken undergraduate medical education in English in Canada, the United States or one of the other countries that is identified by the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) as having English as a first or native language; **or**,
5. Be currently enrolled in a postgraduate medical education program in the United States or Canada or one of the other countries that is identified by the FMRAC as having English as a first and native language and the applicant previously met one of the requirements of 1, 2 or 3 in order to enter into that postgraduate training program; **or**,
6. Be currently in practice in Canada or the United States or one of the other countries that is identified by the FMRAC as having English as a first or native language and the applicant met one of the requirements of 1, 2 or 3 in order to be admitted to postgraduate training or practice in that country; **or**,
7. Demonstrated other proof of English proficiency acceptable to the Council (**see page 2 for acceptable evidence**).

## COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ENGLISH AS A FIRST OR NATIVE LANGUAGE IDENTIFIED BY FMRAC

List of Countries and Caribbean Islands		
Australia	Singapore	Barbados
Bahamas	South Africa	Dominican
Bermuda	United Kingdom	Grenada
British Virgin Islands	United States of America	Jamaica
Canada** see note below	US Virgin Islands	St. Kitts & Nevis
Ireland	Anguilla	St. Vincent
New Zealand	Antigua & Barbuda	Trinidad & Tobago

**\*\* Note:** Canadian applicants with medical education from the University of Quebec, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Laval, and the University of Ottawa (French stream) will be required to meet English language proficiency requirements, unless can provide proof of English proficiency acceptable to the Council.

### English Language Proficiency acceptable to the Council with demonstrated evidence, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and may include the following:

1. Medical Graduates studying abroad who re-enter Canada from locations of training where instruction was received in English, as verified by the institution of instruction; **or**
2. International Medical Graduates who have received primary and/or secondary medical training instruction in English, as verified by the institution of instruction; **or**
3. A physician who has completed a Fellowship of at least one year within a country identified on the FMRAC list of countries as having English as a first or native language, as verified by a supervisor at the location of the Fellowship; **or**
4. Any physician who has successfully completed an English Language Proficiency exam beyond the expiry period, but has been working in an English-speaking environment, as verified by a supervisor at the location of employment.



Contact Registration Services at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan at [cpsreg@cps.sk.ca](mailto:cpsreg@cps.sk.ca) or (306) 244-7355, if you have any questions about English Language Proficiency requirements.