



NAME	Language Fluency Policy		
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Intent

As set out in [Section 4. \(1\)4. of Ontario Regulation 27/13](#) (the Registration Regulation), it is a requirement of this College that applicants be able to speak, read, and write either English or French with reasonable fluency. This requirement is exemptible. This policy is intended to outline the criteria that will be used by the College to determine if an applicant meets this language fluency requirement of the College.

Policy

Applicants to the College will be deemed to have met the language fluency requirement of the College if they have met one of the following:

- The applicant signs a self-declaration on the application form confirming that the applicant's first language is English or French;
- The applicant successfully completes the Safety Program Test, Jurisprudence Course Test, and Registration Examination in either English or French;
- The applicant submits an original or notarized copy of a transcript showing graduation from a secondary school with four consecutive, first language English or French credits at the secondary school level;
- The applicant submits an original or notarized copy of a transcript and degree showing completion of an undergraduate degree from a recognized public university or college in English or French;
- The applicant is able to demonstrate their fluency through an in-person interview with the Registrar or panel of the Registration Committee; or
- The applicant provides results from a College approved test (made within two year of the date of the application for registration), that meets the minimum scores determined by the College.

Approved Tests and Minimum Scores¹

	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
IELTS	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
CELP	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
TEF	207	310	249	310

¹ IELTS, CELPIP, TEF, and TCF are approved under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)*



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TCF	453	10	458	10
TOEFL iBT	18	21	19	19

Applicant Unable to Demonstrate Reasonable Fluency

As the fluency requirement of the College is exemptible, an applicant can still be granted registration if they can show they meet the intent of the requirement in another way. Applicants who are unable to demonstrate that they are reasonably fluent, as per this policy, may still seek registration with the College by submitting a Written Language Plan.

Applications with a Written Language Plan will be referred to the Registration Committee for consideration. For more information on Written Language Plans, please see our [Written Language Plan Policy](#).