

REGISTRATION POLICY

Language Proficiency

Language Proficiency Requirement

Effective communication with patients, their stakeholders, and interprofessional team members is an essential competency for the practice of opticianry.

As provided for in Section 4 (1)(3) of Ontario Regulation 896/93, it is a requirement for any class of certificate of registration that the applicant must be able to speak and write either English or French with reasonable fluency.

Language Proficiency Criteria

1. Applicants who have completed an educational program in opticianry in English or French are considered to have met the requirement for language proficiency.
2. If an applicant cannot meet the language proficiency requirement by virtue of their opticianry education, they must demonstrate language proficiency by obtaining the minimum scores in one of the language proficiency tests approved by the College, as follows:

Language Proficiency Test	Minimum Scores
Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) - General	Speaking: 7.0 Listening: 7.0 Reading: 7.0 Writing: 7.0
Canadian Language Benchmark Assessment (CLBA) Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test (CLBPT)	Speaking: 7 Listening: 8 Reading: 6 Writing: 7
Canadian Academic English Language Test (CAEL)	Speaking: 60 Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 60
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – General or Academic	Speaking: 7.0 Listening: 7.0 Reading: 6.0 Writing: 6.0

Pearson Test of English (PET)	Speaking: 68 Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 69
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet based Test (iBT)	Overall minimum score of 81 Individual minimum scores: Speaking: 24 Listening: 19 Reading: 19 Writing: 19
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper based (PBT) and Test of Spoken English (TSE)	Overall minimum score of 550 and at least 50 on the TSE
Test de connaissance du français pour le Canada (TCF Canada)	Speaking: 10-11 Listening: 458-502 Reading: 453-498 Writing: 10-11
Test d'évaluation de français pour le Canada (TEF Canada)	Speaking: 310-348 Listening: 249-279 Reading: 207-232 Writing: 310-348

Test results will be considered valid for two (2) years from the date the test was administered.