

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 College’s approved language proficiency tests, as follows:

College Approved Proficiency Test	Minimum Scores
Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)	Speaking: 7; Listening: 8; Reading: 6; Writing: 7
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	Overall score of 85 and at least 50 on the TSE
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	Minimum score of 7
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based Test (iBT)	Total Score: 81. Individual Score for Reading: 19; Writing: 19; Listening: 19; Speaking: 24
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper-based and Test of Spoken English (TSE):	Minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test and at least 50 on the TSE
Test pour étudiants et stagiaires au Canada (TestCan)	Minimum score of 4.5 on each section

As a general guideline, the College expects that language proficiency results will not be older than two years.