

POLICY CATEGORY:

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE POLICY-1

POLICY FOCUS:

English Language Proficiency Requirements for Pharmacists

POLICY STATEMENT(S):

1. The English Language Proficiency (ELP) Requirements for Licensure as a Pharmacist in Canada are those defined by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) (see Appendix 1). The NAPRA Board at their November 2006 meeting approved the ELP standards in Appendix 1 with the recommendation to apply the standard error of measurement to each assessment option.
2. Applicants who have received a university degree from a Canadian or American program accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) or the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), with the exception of CCAPP accredited pharmacy programs in Quebec, will not be required to undergo English language proficiency testing.
3. All other applicants will be required to successfully complete one of the approved English language proficiency requirements listed below.

Appendix 1 – English Language Proficiency Requirements for Licensure as a Pharmacist in Canada

Test	Details		Minimum Score	SEM	Minimum Score with SEM
1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)	Internet-based test (iBT)	Reading	-	-	-
		Listening	-	-	-
		Speaking	27	2	25
		Writing	25	3	22
		Total Score (All Components)	97	5	92
2. TOEFL	Computer-based test (CBT)	Test of Spoken English (TSE)	50	-	50
		Writing	26	5	21
		Total Score (All Components)	237	10	227
	Paper-based test (PBT)	Test of Spoken English (TSE)	50	-	50
		Test of Written English (TWE)	5	0.3	4.7
		Total Score (All Components)	580	14	566
3. Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	Composition – Part 1		82	3	79
	Listening – Part 2		-	-	-
	Grammar, Cloze, Vocabulary, Reading (GCVR) – Part 3		-	-	-
	Speaking test		3+	-	3+
	Final Score (All Components)		85	3	82
4. International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	Academic format	Listening	6	0.4	5.6
		Reading	6	0.4	5.6
		Writing	6	0.5	5.5
		Speaking	6	0.5	5.5
		Overall Band Score (All Components)	7	0.5	6.5
5. Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)		Speaking	4.5	-	4.5
		Writing	4.5	-	4.5
		Reading	4.5	-	4.5
		Listening	4.5	-	4.5

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