

## Policy

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### Background

Language proficiency is an essential skill required of all kinesiologists in Ontario. Although language proficiency does not guarantee that effective communication will take place, it is the foundation for reading, speaking, listening and writing skills – all components of communication. A kinesiologists' ability to communicate is critical in the delivery of safe and effective client care.

The Registration Regulation requires that all applicants to the College be proficient in English or French.

The cut-off scores required in the approved language tests described in this policy reflect a minimum level of English or French language competence that the College believes is necessary for a prospective applicant to function successfully as a regulated kinesiologist.

### Definitions

Approved Language Test – a language proficiency test that the College has determined is acceptable for applicants to undertake in order to demonstrate that they meet the language proficiency requirements.

## Requirements

### General

1. Applicants must provide proof that they completed their qualifying education program in English or French. Where any part of the education program was not in English or French, the applicant must further prove fluency by undertaking an approved language test.
2. Applicants required to take a language test must complete one of the acceptable language proficiency tests.

### Acceptable Language Tests and Scores

Option	Fluency Test	Minimum Score
1	TOEFL Paper-based	<b>560</b>
2	TOEFL Internet based <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Writing</li> <li>• Listening</li> <li>• Speaking</li> </ul>	<b>86</b> (Total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20</li> <li>• 20</li> <li>• 20</li> <li>• 23</li> </ul>
3	IELTS – Academic or General Training	Level <b>6.5</b> required on all skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking)
4	CLBA	Benchmark score of <b>7</b> required on all skills (listening & speaking, reading, writing)
5	MELAB	<b>80</b> , plus on oral interview rating of at least <b>3</b>
6	CANTest	A minimum score of <b>4.0</b> on each section – listening, reading, writing, and speaking.
7	TESTCan (French proficiency)	A minimum score of <b>4.0</b> on each section – listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

### Submission of Test Results

4. Results of language proficiency tests must be sent to the College by the testing agency.

### Validity of Test Results

5. Test results are valid for two years from the date of the applicant passing the test.
6. Test results that are more than two years old will not be accepted by the College.

### Costs

7. The cost of undertaking a language proficiency test is the responsibility of the applicant.

### Review

8. Language proficiency standards as described in this policy will be reviewed by the College every two years to ensure they remain current.