



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Registration Policy

English Language Proficiency Requirements

PURPOSE

An applicant for any class of registration, except for emergency registration, must have the ability to speak, read and write English to the satisfaction of the Registration Committee, pursuant to section 2-2(2)(d) of the College Bylaws.

BACKGROUND

Section 2-2(2)(d) of the College Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* states:

- (2) An applicant for any class of registration, except for emergency registration, must
 - (d) demonstrate proficiency in English to the satisfaction of the registration committee,

POLICY

The Registration Committee may determine that an applicant has demonstrated English language proficiency if the following conditions are met:

1. The primary language of medical education was English, **and**
2. The primary language of patient care was English.

The Registration Committee may exempt an applicant from the English language proficiency requirements set out herein in exceptional circumstances.

Candidates who have not met the above requirements will require one of the following examinations:

- **IELTS Academic examination**
 - Minimum score of 7 in each component.
 - Forward your Test Report Form (TRF) by including the College as one of the five institutions on your application form or order additional copies from the testing centre where the test was taken. Alternatively, you may forward your TRF number to the College, and the College can view your score through the IELTS Academic verification service.
 - A TRF is valid for a period of two years from the date taken.
- **OET Medicine examination**
 - Minimum grade of B in each component.

- Forward your OET results by including the College as a verified organization on your myOET account.
- OET results are valid for a period of two years from the date taken.
- **CELPIP General examination**
 - Minimum score of 9 in each component.
 - The College will access candidate scores through Paragon's Score and Identity Verification System (SIVS). In order to be granted access, candidates must either inform Paragon that the College is an authorized institution or provide the College with their registration number.
 - CELPIP results are valid for a period of two years from the date taken.

Results/score of the examination must be sent directly to or shared with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

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