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**Regulation Requirements**

As provided for in section 4 (1) (3) of the “Consolidated Regulations, Including Amendments, Under the *Opticianry Act, 1991*, as of February 19, 2000”:

*“The following are registration requirements for a certificate of registration of any class:*

*... 3. The applicant must be able to speak and write either English or French with reasonable fluency.”*

**Policy – Language Proficiency**

An applicant must be able to read, speak and write either English or French with reasonable fluency.

1. Candidates satisfy the requirement for English and do not have to send proof of proficiency if they successfully completed an educational program in opticianry in English or French.
2. If the applicant’s primary language is not English or French and the applicant cannot meet the requirements set out in 1 above, he / she must provide proof of following language proficiency:

**Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB):**

- a minimum score of 7 in listening, speaking and writing; OR

**Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB):**

- a minimum score of 85 and at least 50 on the TSE; OR

**International English Language Testing System (IELTS):**

- a minimum score of 7; OR

**Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based Test (iBT):**

- total Score: 81

Reading: 19; Writing: 19; Listening: 19; Speaking: 24; OR

**Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper-based and Test of Spoken English (TSE):**

- a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test and at least 50 on the TSE; OR

**Test pour étudiants et stragiaires au Canada (TestCan) :**

- a minimum score of 4.5 on each section.

The test provider must send the results of the applicant's language proficiency test directly to the College of Opticians of Ontario.

The College cannot accept test results older than two years