

**Policy Number: REG7.0** 

Policy Name: Competence in English

Effective Date: April 12, 2013

## Policy:

Satisfying the English language requirement is part of the requirements for Professional registration.

All Professional member applicants whose first language is not English or who have not completed a university degree (or taught courses) at an institution where the language of instruction was English must demonstrate their competence in English by writing an approved English language test and obtaining the required grade/level (see Table 1 in Reg7.0 Attachment 1).

Marks obtained in tests of competence in English other than those shown in Table 1 will not be accepted in lieu of these tests unless it can be demonstrated through official means that the test score attained is equivalent to one of those shown in Table 1. Otherwise, the supplemental test results may be included as supporting evidence in a letter of appeal of the test requirement.

## Appeal

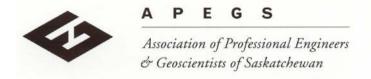
Applicants may appeal the requirement to write an accepted test.

A candidate who wishes to appeal the English language requirement must submit to APEGS an argument in his/her own handwriting, why such a requirement should be waived; accompanied by at least one reference who can support the English language competency. At least one reference must be from a professional engineer or professional geoscientist who has personal knowledge of the applicant's ability in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

A personal interview may be arranged as part of the appeal process.

<u>Rationale:</u> Competence in the English language in the practice of engineering or geoscience

in Saskatchewan is essential for public safety.



## Attachment 1 to Policy REG7.0 - Competence in English

**Table 1**. Matrix of correlation between Canadian Language Benchmark Assessment Test (CLBA) with other commonly used English Language Tests. The required level on the CLBA is level 8 in all areas (speaking, listening, etc). The acceptable level in all tests is highlighted in yellow. This matrix has been slightly modified from one found in the ENHANCED LANGUAGE TRAINING (ELT) PROGRAM MANUAL Immigration Services Division, Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration (Updated - June 2010).

1	Band 3.5	E level 10-220
Reading 3 Writing 3 Basic Speaking 4 Proficiency Listening 4	Band 3.5	
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Basic Speaking 4	Band 3.5	10-220
Proficiency Listening 4	Band 3.5	
Reading 4		
	Band 4.0	
Writing 4 020 n/a 45		
Speaking   5		
Listening   5		
Reading 5	Band 4.5	D level
Writing 5 5 020/030 n/a 52		220-470
Speaking 6		
Listening 6		
Reading 6 30	Band 5.0	
Writing 6 030/040 Band 3.0 61		
Speaking   /		
Intermediate Listening 7		
Proficiency Reading 7 040 Band 3.5 70	Band 5.5	C level 470-730
writing 7 40	Dana 3.3	
Speaking 8 7		
Listening 8 050* Band 4.0 80	Band 6.0	
Reading 8		
writing 8 Uprep		
	Band 6.5	B level 730-860
Advanced 10 Band 5.0 100	Band 7.0	
Proficiency 11 Band 5.0+ 110	Band 7.5+	A level 860-990
12 120		

<sup>\*</sup> Both "credit" and "non-credit" are acceptable.