

English Language Proficiency Requirements

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.

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.

English Language Proficiency Information Required

An applicant is required to complete the tables below and answer the additional questions so that the College has the information it needs to complete an assessment of whether or not the applicant has demonstrated English language proficiency.

Note that official confirmation, satisfactory to the College, of the information you provide will be required.

Name: _____

MEDICAL EDUCATION				
Time period (e.g. 2000 to 2005 – 5 years)	Type of medical education (e.g. medical school, postgraduate training)	Country of medical education	Primary language of medical education	Primary language of direct patient interaction

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE			
Time period (e.g. 2005 to 2007 – 2 years)	Type of independent practice	Country of independent practice	Primary language of direct patient interaction

English Language Proficiency Information Required *continued*

ADDITIONAL QUESTION

Do you have other information related to your proficiency in English that you would like to provide for review? If so, please provide below.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the information provided in this form is true. If, prior to the issuance of a licence, there is any change in the information provided in this form, I will immediately inform the College and provide details of that change.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information in this application form is collected under the authority of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183. The information provided will be used to process your application for registration and for all purposes pertaining to your registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the College registration department at 300-669 Howe Street, Vancouver BC V6C 0B4, or call 604-733-7758 or 1-800-461-3008 (toll-free in BC).