



College of Paramedics of Manitoba		
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### 1.0 **PURPOSE**

An applicant must prove the ability to listen, speak, read, and write English in order to practice paramedicine in the Province of Manitoba.

### 2.0 **DEFINITIONS**

First Language – the language learned and spoken in the home.

### 3.0 **POLICY**

3.1 An applicant will be deemed to be proficient in the English language if:

- i. They attest that English is their first language, or
- ii. They have successfully completed a course of paramedical study delivered and evaluated in English. Online and distance paramedic education programs are not accepted.

3.2 If an applicant's first language is another language, English proficiency testing is not required if:

- iii. The official language where the applicant lives and works is English, or
- iv. The applicant can show evidence that s/he has safely practiced paramedicine within the last two years and the official language in that practice was English.

3.3 If neither of the determinants in 1 or 2 are applicable, the applicant must access an approved English Language Proficiency Assessment and pass it with the minimum test scores indicated in the table below.

3.4 The English Language Proficiency Assessment must be no older than 1 year at the time of application for licensure.

3.5 Approved English Language Assessments are:

- v. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFEL)
- vi. International English Language Testing System Academic and/or General (IELTS)



- vii. CANTEST
- viii. Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL)
- ix. Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)

3.6 The applicant must attain the pass marks specified in the chart below:

<b>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)</b>	<b>International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic and/or General</b>	<b>CANTEST</b>	<b>Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL)</b>	<b>Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)</b>
Listening 24 Speaking 24 Reading 22 Writing 20 Overall 90	Listening 7 Speaking 7 Reading 7 Writing 7	Listening 5 Speaking 4.5 Reading 4.5 Writing 4 Overall 5	Listening 80 Speaking 70 Reading 70 Writing 70 Overall 70	Listening 9 Speaking 8 Reading 8 Writing 8 Overall 8

3.7 The applicant is responsible for paying the costs of the English Language Proficiency Assessment.

3.8 Documentation of results must be provided to the College of Paramedics of Manitoba through the application process.