

## English Language Proficiency Requirements

For those applicants whose first language is not English, proof of English language proficiency testing with a minimum pass level of 5 in all areas is required (equivalent to Canadian English language benchmark minimum level 5).

**Please note:** All examination(s) are delivered in English (academic). The Cosmetology Association must be satisfied that the applicant is likely to be successful in the study and practice of cosmetology, regardless of your country of origin or citizenship status.

***Credential Review applications will not be processed without proof of English Language proficiency (no exceptions). Please see accepted tests below.***

### Canadian Language Benchmark Levels

<b>ILETS</b>	Level 5 in all areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking)	
<b>CELP</b>	Level 5 in all areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking)	Applicants must register the Association as the "Professional Designation" under the primary reason for the test, for the Association to verify.
<b>TOEFL</b>	Level 60 (paper test) in all areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking)	
<b>CAEL</b>	Level 60 in all areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking)	
<b>duolingo</b>	85-90 in all areas in all areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking)	duolingo participants can automatically share their test results with the Cosmetology Association with the link provided by duolingo <a href="https://testcenter.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010869252-How-do-I-send-my-Duolingo-English-Test-results-to-institutions">https://testcenter.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010869252-How-do-I-send-my-Duolingo-English-Test-results-to-institutions</a> .

**CLBPT (Not Accepted)** - The Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test is not an English Language proficiency test. Learn English NS Testing and Counselling Centre uses the Canadian Language Benchmark to place individuals in both Federal and Provincial funded language programs. The Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test is a low stakes assessment and not developed for the purpose of employment, academic, immigration or citizenship use.

**CLB 5-10 Exit Assessment Task (Not Accepted)** – The CLB assessment tasks is a tool that is utilised by some programs as one aspect to inform a learner's language level within that specific program. They are not a recognized credential of language proficiency and not intended to serve as the sole or primary measure of English proficiency.

### **Important:**

**The Association must be able to verify English Language proficiency in order to accept.**

English Language proficiency tests that are more than two (2) years old, will not be accepted. Applicant will be required to submit an updated language proficiency test in order to move forward with the credential review application process.

If you've successfully completed one of the following listed below, you may be exempt from English Language proficiency testing (*Effective June 3, 2025*).

- Hold a current and valid licence or designation from another regulatory body in Canada
- High school diploma from an English Canadian high school
- Completed the Canadian Adult Education Credential or General Education Development
- Completed full-time study at an accredited English Canadian College or University
- Completion of English for Academic Purposes program at an accredited English Canadian College or University
- Three (3) years of full-time study in English outside of Canada at an accredited college or university in a country where English language testing is not required.

**Please Note:** As of August 20, 2024, PTE English Language proficiency tests will no longer be accepted. Pearson has notified the Cosmetology Association they can not verify test results.

For more information on English language learning, please visit  
<https://novascotiainmigration.com/live-here/language-learning/>