



# College of Homeopaths of Ontario Registration Policies

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*Note to Readers: In the event of any inconsistency between this document and the legislation that affects homeopathy practice, the legislation governs. The College has the power and authority to implement the applicable acts and regulations under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991. The factors outlined in this policy will be considered and every application will be reviewed on a case by case basis. If you have a question on how this policy affects your individual situation please contact the College directly.*

*It is important to note that College publications may be used by the College or other bodies in determining the interpretation of the provisions within the Homeopathy Act, 2007, its regulations and the College's Bylaws.*

## **Applicable Categories of Registration:**

1. Applicant for Full Certificate of Registration
2. Applicant for Grandparented Certificate of Registration

**Type of Requirement:** Exemptible

**Applicable CHO Registration Regulation #:** 4(1)3, 8(4), 11(4)

## **Policy**

In accordance with s. 4(1) 3 the Registration Regulation (O. Reg. 18/14) under the Homeopathy Act, 2007, it is a requirement of registration that an Applicant must be able to speak, read and write either English or French with reasonable fluency.

An Applicant will be asked on the Application Form if he or she can speak, read and write in English or French with reasonable fluency. An Applicant will have demonstrated fulfillment of this requirement if he or she indicates any of the following:

1. Signed a self-declaration indicating that his or her first language is English or French; or,
2. For an Applicant to Grandparented Class, having received any formal secondary or post-secondary education taught in English or French; or
3. For an Applicant to Full Class, completion of a post-secondary program in Homeopathy taught in English or French.

If item 1, 2, and/or 3 above does not apply, the Applicant can undergo a language assessment to determine if the registration requirement can be met. The language assessment shall be conducted by an agency approved by Council. The Applicant is to achieve a Canadian Language Benchmark level of 7.

## **Purpose and Principles(s)**

English and French are the languages of the health care system in Ontario, as such a health care professional needs to communicate (speak, read and write) in either English or French with reasonable fluency. Effective communication is one of the key competencies of homeopathy practice and is critical for the delivery of safe and effective care.

The College, with a third party government based language assessment expert, has developed a method of language assessment specific to the homeopathy profession. The assessment measures whether an Applicant is reasonably fluent to communicate effectively as required.

The assessment will include reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The addition of listening skills is not an additional registration requirement but a means to assess the ability of an applicant to demonstrate reasonable fluency in English or French.

## **Related Policies, Standards, Guidelines and Regulations**

***Homeopathy Act, 2007, Ontario Regulation 18/14 Registration*** [Note: This regulation is not yet in force. It comes into force on the day named by proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor.]

### **Requirements for issuance of certificate of registration, any class**

4.(1)3. The applicant must be able to speak, read and write either English or French with reasonable fluency. O. Reg. 18/14, s. 4 (1).

### **Labour mobility, Full class**

8. (4) An applicant referred to in subsection (1) is deemed to have met the requirement of paragraph 3 of subsection 4 (1) if the requirements for the issuance of the out-of-province certificate included language proficiency requirements equivalent to those required by that paragraph. O. Reg. 18/14, s. 8 (4).

### **Labour mobility, Grandparented class**

11. (4) An applicant referred to in subsection (1) is deemed to have met the requirement of paragraph 3 of subsection 4 (1) if the requirements for the issuance of the out-of-province certificate included language proficiency requirements equivalent to those required by that paragraph. O. Reg. 18/14, s. 11 (4).

