



College of Homeopaths of Ontario

Registration Policies

Title: Language Requirement and English and French Standards

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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 Emergency Certificate of Registration

Type of Requirement: Exemptible

Applicable CHO Registration Regulation #: 4(1)3, 8(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 in one of four ways:

1. A signed self-declaration indicating that his or her first language is English or French; or,
2. Completion of a post-secondary program in Homeopathy taught in English or French; or
3. Successful completion of a language assessment conducted by an agency approved by the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)*, which is equivalent to a minimum level of 7 on the Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) assessment scale, and which has been completed within two years of making application to the College; or
4. Those for whom the categories above do not apply he or she must submit proof of reasonable fluency achieved through a language assessment that meets the Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks testing using the Occupational Language Assessment (OLA) for Homeopaths to a minimum of level 7 in each assessment area.

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, 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 includes 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 as stated in the College's Registration Regulation.

Related Policies, Standards, Guidelines and Regulations

Homeopathy Act, 2007, Ontario Regulation 18/14 Registration

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).

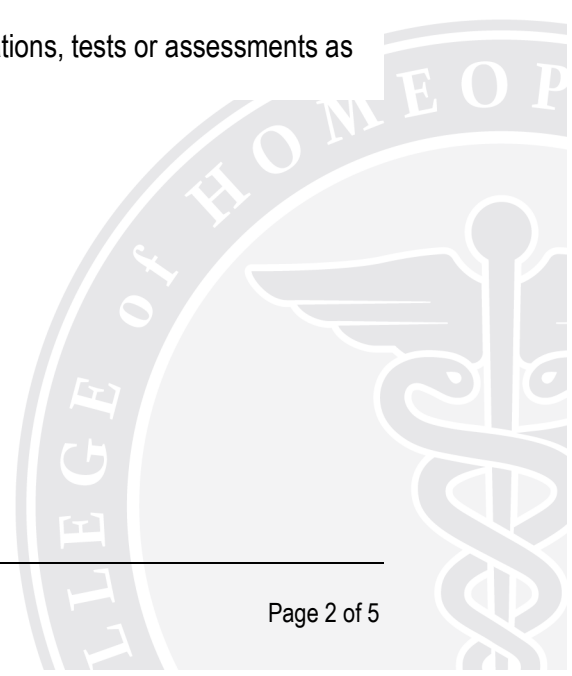
Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, Ontario Regulation 508/22 Registration Requirements

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Language proficiency testing requirements

3. (1) An applicant for registration satisfies a College's English or French language proficiency testing requirement if the applicant demonstrates, within two years before the date of making the application, English or French language proficiency at a level satisfactory to the College on a test that is approved under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)* for use in assessing language proficiency.

(2) Subsection (1) does not limit a College's ability to accept other examinations, tests or assessments as evidence of English or French language proficiency.



Appendix 1

Source: Language test equivalency charts - Canada.ca (Government of Canada / Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Corporate Information / Publications and Manuals / Operational Instructions and guidelines / Standard requirements for applicants / Language Requirements

Language test equivalency charts

The College of Homeopaths of Ontario recognizes and accepts the following equivalencies between the Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLBs) (for English), Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (for French), and the results of language tests from designated testing organizations have been established and are summarized in the following tables.

Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) – General Test score equivalency chart				
CLB Level	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
10	10	10	10	10
9	9	9	9	9
8	8	8	8	8
7	7	7	7	7
6	6	6	6	6
5	5	5	5	5
4	4	4	4	4
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – General Training – Test score equivalency chart				
CLB Level	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
10	8.0	7.5	8.5	7.5
9	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.0
8	6.5	6.5	7.5	6.5
7	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
6	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.5
5	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
4	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.0

Test de connaissance du français pour le Canada (TCF Canada) Test score equivalency chart				
CLB Level	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
10 and above	549-699	16-20	549-699	16-20
9	524-548	14-15	523-548	14-15
8	499-523	12-13	503-522	12-13
7	453-498	10-11	458-502	10-11
6	406-452	7-9	398-457	7-9
5	375-405	6	369-397	6
4	342-374	4-5	331-368	4-5

Test d'évaluation de français pour le Canada (TEF Canada) – test score equivalency chart

The Government of Canada reviews TEF Canada equivalency through three different timeframes. Please visit the Government of Canada website for the particulars of each timeframe.

If you took your test after December 10, 2023

CLB level	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
10	546-699	558-699	546-699	556-699
9	503-545	512-557	503-545	518-555
8	462-502	472-511	462-502	494-517
7	434-461	428-471	434-461	456-493
6	393-433	379-427	393-433	422-455
5	352-392	330-378	352-392	387-421
4	306-351	268-329	306-351	328-386

If you took your test between October 1, 2019 and December 10, 2023

CLB level	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
10	566-699	566-699	566-699	566-699
9	533-565	533-565	533-565	533-565
8	500-532	500-532	500-532	500-532
7	450-499	450-499	450-499	450-499
6	400-449	400-449	400-449	400-449
5	350-399	350-399	350-399	350-399
4	300-349	300-349	300-349	300-349

If you took your test before September 30, 2019

CLB level	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
10	263-300	393-450	316-360	393-450
9	248-262	371-392	298-315	371-392
8	233-247	349-370	280-297	349-370
7	207-232	310-348	249-279	310-348
6	181-206	271-309	217-248	271-309
5	151-180	226-270	181-216	226-270
4	121-150	181-225	145-180	181-225

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