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POLICY

Pursuant to the s. 28(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, an applicant for regulation as a regulated member may be required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language as set out in the Bylaws.

An applicant who has successfully completed a program of study that is approved by Council and that was provided in the English language may be deemed to have met the English language proficiency requirements. The Registrar reserves the right to request additional language proficiency documentation and/or testing from applicants of approved programs.

An applicant who has received their qualifying education outside of Canada and/or in a primary language other than English will have their language equivalency assessed by one of the following:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)		International English Language Testing System (IELTS) <i>academic or general</i>	Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment (CLB)	NAIT English Language Proficiency Exam
Paper	Internet	Minimum band score for each component of:  Listening – 6.0  Reading – 6.0  Speaking – 6.5  Writing – 6.0	Minimum test score for each component of:  Listening – 8  Reading – 8  Speaking – 8  Writing – 8	Minimum of 75% in each of the four components
minimum score of 580	Minimum total score of 86 with the minimum scores per component of:  Listening – 20  Reading – 20  Speaking – 26  Writing – 20			

In response to the above, there are exceptions:

- i. an applicant who was educated in denturism outside of Canada, but who completed their program's requisite education in Canada, may be assessed to be equivalent if they have completed one of the following in Canada:
 - a. English Language Arts 30-1 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of 65%
 - b. English Language Arts 30-2 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of 70%
 - c. One Grade 12 AP English course with a minimum grade of 65%

- ii. the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Registrar that they are reasonably proficient in English to be able to engage safely and competency in the practice of denturism.

DEFINITIONS

none

APPENDICES

none

REFERENCES

Government of Alberta. (2002). *Health Professions Act – Denturists Profession Regulation*. Alberta, Author. Available at: http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2002_186.pdf

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