



ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Section 3 (g) of the Dental Hygiene Regulation states that applicants for registration must have demonstrated proficiency in the English language in a manner determined by the Council of the CDHNS.

An applicant must be sufficiently proficient in English to be able to engage safely and competently in the practice of dental hygiene. If there is no equivalent English proficiency requirement in the jurisdiction where the applicant is currently registered, applicants whose primary language is not English and/or whose program of study was conducted in a language other than English will be required to provide proof of English language competency.

A list of accepted English language tests and the accepted achievement level as determined by Council follows. Applicants may choose to complete any of the tests listed. Please contact the testing service for information on the test(s). Official English language scores must be received by CDHNS directly from the testing service.

Examination scores will be accepted only if achieved within the most recent two (2) years.

English language tests and scores accepted by the CDHNS:

Name of Test	Required Score	Website Contact	Additional Information
TOEFL iBT Test of English as a Foreign Language	237 (computer-based) 90 (iBT) no band lower than 20	http://www.ets.org/	<i>Students must achieve 4.0 or better on the essay or TOEFL Writing Test</i>
IELTS International English Language Testing System (Academic Version)	6.5 overall no band lower than 6.0	https://www.ielts.org	Offered in 3 locations in NS: Halifax Sydney Antigonish
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	Minimum score 81	http://www.cambridgemichigan.org/institutions/products-services/tests/proficiency-certification/melab/	
Canadian Academic English Assessment (CAEL)	Minimum score 70	https://www.cael.ca/	
Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)	Minimum 4.5	https://cantest.uottawa.ca/	