

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.

Initial applicants will need to submit documentation to support the required status of fluency if:

- Your first language is not English and
- Your dental hygiene education was not in English.

Applicants who hold a valid registration and licence in another Canadian jurisdiction:

- Must show proof that they have met the English language proficiency requirement of another Canadian dental hygiene regulatory body at the time of their registration and currently hold a licence to practice dental hygiene in that jurisdiction; **and**
- there must be nothing in the application process that causes CDHNS to question the applicant's continued English language proficiency.

A list of accepted English language tests and the accepted achievement level appears in the table below. Applicants may choose to complete any (either) 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
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/	