

STATEMENT of POLICY and PROCEDURE			
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## 1. POLICY

- 1.1 All Canadian Educated Degree Nurse applicants who completed their practical nursing education outside of Saskatchewan, whose primary language is not English or English was not the language learned at home as a child and is not primarily used for reading, writing, listening and speaking must demonstrate proficiency in the English language and have supporting documentation provided directly to the SALPN from the testing centre.
- 1.2 English language proficiency tests are valid for 2 years after the testing date.
- 1.3 Approved English language proficiency tests are the Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The required proficiency scores are:

Test	CELBAN	IELTS
Writing	7	7.5
Speaking	8	7.5
Listening	10	8
Reading	8	7.0
Total	N/A	7.5

\*the IELTS has a Standard Error of Measurement of 0.5. A score of 0.5 below those listed above will be accepted.

- 1.4 Applicants cannot combine various tests or test components to achieve a passing score. All components of the IELTS test must be completed in one sitting. The CELBAN test component of 'speaking' is often required to be taken in two separate sittings so in some cases there may be an additional report.