

# English Language Proficiency (ELP) Policy

- Saskatchewan PN Student/Graduate Applicants
- Out of Province Applicants
- Canadian Degree or Diploma Nurses

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## 1. Purpose

The objective of this policy is to provide applicants with information on the SALPN's English language proficiency requirements set by the Council.

## 2. Policy

The SALPN requires that applicants meet the minimum threshold for English language proficiency, per the Regulatory Bylaws.

The SALPN defines first-learned language as the one used at home as a child for reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

## 3. Authority

*The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000*

*SALPN Regulatory Bylaws*

## 4. Procedure

### **Saskatchewan Graduate Applicants**

When proof of English language proficiency is required, Saskatchewan graduates, or out of province applicants, may submit one of the following:

1. Evidence of completing four (4) years of full-time study in English in Canada. Graduation from a Canadian practical nurse education program counts as two (2) of the four (4) required years.
2. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results. Accepted IELTS scores are:

Writing	6.5	Listening	7.0
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Speaking	7.0	Reading	6.5
		Overall Score	7.0

3. Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN). Accepted CELBAN scores are:

Writing	7	Listening	9
Speaking	8	Reading	8

### Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) Applicants

Internationally educated nurses must submit one of the following:

1. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results. Accepted IELTS scores are:

Writing	6.5	Listening	7.0
Speaking	7.0	Reading	6.5
		Overall Score	7.0

2. Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN). Accepted CELBAN scores are:

Writing	7	Listening	9
Speaking	8	Reading	8

### Out of Province (OOP) LPN Applicants

The SALPN may accept an English language proficiency assessment completed by another Canadian jurisdiction during their evaluation for initial licensure. The SALPN would not require an additional ELP assessment if an OOP applicant demonstrated proficiency in another Canadian jurisdiction. If an OOP applicant did not demonstrate ELP in another Canadian jurisdiction, the SALPN would initiate their own assessment based on the same criteria as those used for Saskatchewan Graduate applicants.

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