

Language Competency for Teachers

Policy Statement

On October 24, 2024, amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation established proficiency in English or French as a certification requirement for teachers, in accordance with s. 7(2)(b.1).

This policy establishes the criteria to satisfy the regulated requirement, including the circumstances in which a test is required, which tests are accepted, and for how long test results are valid.

Definitions

Pathways to Teach Canada is a federal initiative led by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada. It provides the first step in the certification process for internationally educated teachers who wish to teach in Canada by offering a single entry point for the assessment of credentials and language competency.

Internationally educated teacher is a teacher who completed their teacher education program in a jurisdiction outside of Canada.

Language Competency Assessment for the Teaching Profession is an online platform for proctored language-competency assessment specific to the teaching profession, provided through Pathways to Teach Canada.

Manitoba certificate is a teaching certificate issued by the Director of Certification.

Application

1. An internationally educated teacher (IET) who completed a teacher education program where English or French was not the primary language of instruction must provide proof of language competency in either English or French in order to be eligible for a Manitoba certificate.
2. Proof of language competency is demonstrated by achieving a passing grade in the Language Competency Assessment for the Teaching Profession (LCATP), which is a test comprising four hour-long modules that assess writing, reading, listening, and speaking skills. This test is offered by Pathways to Teach Canada.

For Greater Clarity

- LCATP is currently the only language proficiency test accepted by the department for IETs seeking a Manitoba certificate.
- IETs who have completed a post-secondary degree where the main language of instruction was English or French will satisfy the language proficiency requirement.
- LCATPs are valid for up to two years after their results are issued.
- If an IET is already certified in another Canadian jurisdiction, they are exempted from this language competency requirement.

Reference

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[Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation, M.R. 115/2015](#), s. 7(2)(b.1):

General teaching certificates

7(2) The minister may issue a general teaching certificate to a person who applies for one if

(b.1) the minister is satisfied that the person is proficient in English or French

Authorization

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