

Language Competency for School Clinicians

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 school clinicians, in accordance with s. 15(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

CELPIP is the Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program.

IELTS is the International English Language Testing System.

Manitoba certificate is a school clinician certificate issued by the Director of Certification.

TCF Canada is the Test de connaissance du français.

TEF Canada is the Test d'évaluation du français.

TOEFL is the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

School clinician is a person who holds a school clinician certificate described as per the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation, M.R. 115/2015. There are six types of school clinicians:

- audiology and speech-language pathology
- occupational therapy
- physiotherapy
- reading
- school psychology
- social work

Standardized language proficiency assessments are tests accepted by the department that are designed to measure an individual's ability to communicate in English or French.

Application

1. Internationally educated clinicians who completed a clinician program where English or French was not the primary language of instruction must provide proof of language competency in either English or French to be eligible for a Manitoba clinician certificate.
2. Proof of language competency will vary according to the type of school clinician certificate (i.e., certain types of school clinicians are required to become members of their professional association, which already includes passing language proficiency tests as necessary). See below for the proof of language proficiency criteria for each type of school clinician:
 - **Audiology and speech-language pathology:** Membership in the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Manitoba
 - **Occupational therapy:** Membership in the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba
 - **Physiotherapy:** Membership in the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba
 - **Reading:** Fulfillment of regulated criteria to be a school reading clinician, as outlined in the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation
 - **School Psychologist:** CELPIP (or equivalent) minimum score of eight in every category
 - **Social Worker:** CELPIP (or equivalent) minimum score of eight in every category

For Greater Clarity

- Applicants with a completed post-secondary degree where the main language of instruction was English or French satisfy the language proficiency requirement.
- Language proficiency tests will be valid for up to two years after the results are issued.
- Audiologists and speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and physiotherapists must pass a standardized language proficiency assessment to be a member of their professional association in Manitoba if they are not proficient in English or French.
- The following standardized language proficiency assessments are currently accepted for school psychologist and social worker school clinicians:
 - CELPIP
 - IELTS
 - TCF Canada
 - TEF Canada

Test Results Equivalency

Category/Test	IELTS	CELPPIP	TCF Canada	TEF Canada
Reading	6.5	8	499	462
Writing	6.5	8	12	472
Listening	7.5	8	503	462
Speaking	6.5	8	12	494

Reference

Tests results equivalency (IRCC)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility/language-results.html>

[Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation, M.R. 115/2015](#), s. 15(b.1):

When school clinician certificate may be issued

- 15** The minister may issue a school clinician 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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