

## Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

<b>EMALB 2024-07 Language Proficiency Requirements</b>  <b>Responsible Branch: Emergency Medical Assistants (EMA) Licensing Branch</b>  <b>Contact:</b> Exam program area <a href="mailto:getanexam@gov.bc.ca">getanexam@gov.bc.ca</a>	<b>Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter):</b> n/a
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### 1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

International applicants are assessed by the EMA Licensing Branch or contract assessor and recommendations are submitted to the Board for approval. As part of the International assessment process, applicants must verify proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing the English language. English language proficiency must be established.

### 2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to international applicants that are:

- registered as an EMA outside of Canada and have not completed their training and education in English and have not worked in an area where English is the primary language; and
- registered as a Health Professional outside of Canada and have not completed their training and education in English and have not worked in an area where English is the primary language, provided their training, education, and experience incorporates out of hospital emergency medicine skills.

### 3. Policy Statement:

Verification of English language proficiency can be demonstrated by successfully meeting one of the following test requirements, proof of which must be provided to the Branch upon request.

#### English

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)		International English Language Testing System* (IELTS) <small>*Academic and/or General</small>		CANTEST		Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL)		Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)	
Listening	24	Listening	7	Listening	5	Listening	80	Listening	9
Speaking	24	Speaking	7	Speaking	4.5	Speaking	70	Speaking	8
Reading	22	Reading	7	Reading	4.5	Reading	70	Reading	8
Writing	20	Writing	7	Writing	4	Writing	70	Writing	8
Overall	90			Overall	5	Overall	70	Overall	8

**4. Legal Authority:**

- [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 3](#)

**5. Key Partners:**

- International Applicants for a BC EMA Licence that do not work in an area where English is the primary language and have not completed EMA education and training in this language.

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