

The Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism (NSRDHDTD)

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This document explains the English language requirements for Dental Laboratory Technicians (DLTs) regulated by the Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism (NSRDHDTD).

Section 27.1(c)(ii) of the *NSRDHDTD By-Laws* states that an applicant seeking a dental laboratory technician permit must submit proof satisfactory to the Registrar that they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the Registrar.

Why English proficiency is important:

DLT permit applicants must be able to use English well enough to safely and competently practice dental technology under supervision.

Who must provide proof of English proficiency:

If you are an initial DLT applicant, you must provide proof of your English fluency **unless you meet at least one** of the following:

- English is your first language; or
- You graduated from a high school or equivalent program (like a GED) that was taught in English; or
- You graduated from a post-secondary education program taught in English (it does not have to be a dental technology program).

How to provide proof of English proficiency:

If you do not meet at least one of the conditions above, you must submit one of the following:

- Results from an approved English language test (taken within the last two years); or
- A signed statement from your employer confirming your English fluency, using a form approved by the Registrar.

Accepted English Language Tests:

You can take any of the following tests. Contact the testing service directly for details. Official test scores must be sent directly from the testing service to the NSRDHDTD.

NAME OF TEST	REQUIRED SCORE	WEBSITE CONTACT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
TOEFL iBT Test of English as a Foreign Language	237 (computer-based) 90 (iBT) No band lower than 20	www.ets.org	Students must achieve 4.0 or better on the essay of TOEFL Writing Test
IELTS International English Language Testing System (Academic Version)	6.5 overall No band lower than 6.0	www.ielts.org	Offered in 3 locations in NS: Halifax, Sydney, & Antigonish
Canadian Academic English Assessment (CAEL)	Minimum score 70	www.cael.ca	