

## The Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism English Language Requirements for Registrants

This document sets out the English language requirements for the registrants of the Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism (NSRDHDTD), including dental hygienists, dental technologists, and denturists.

Section 14(2)(a)(v) of the *Regulations Respecting Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism* states that an applicant for registration in a practising register must provide proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the registrar.

An applicant must be sufficiently proficient in English to be able to engage safely and competently in the practice of their profession.

Initial applicants will need to submit documentation to support the required status of fluency if:

- Your first language is not English; and
- Your dental hygiene, dental technology, or denturism education was not in English.

Applicants who hold a valid registration and licence in another Canadian jurisdiction:

- Must show proof that they have met the English language proficiency requirement of another Canadian regulatory body of their profession at the time of their registration and currently hold a licence to practice their profession in that jurisdiction; and
- There must be nothing in the application process that causes the NSRDHDTD to question the applicant's continued English language proficiency.

A list of accepted English language tests and the accepted achievement level appears in the table below. Applicants may choose to complete any of the tests listed. Please contact the testing service for information on the test(s). Official English language scores must be received by the NSRDHDTD directly from the testing service.

Examination scores will be accepted only if achieved within the most recent two (2) years.

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	<a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a>	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	<a href="http://www.ielts.org">www.ielts.org</a>	Offered in 3 locations in NS: Halifax, Sydney, & Antigonish
Canadian Academic English Assessment (CAEL)	Minimum score 70	<a href="http://www.cael.ca">www.cael.ca</a>	