



College Standard Title	College Standard Number
English Language Proficiency	ES-1110-CS
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PURPOSE

The College of New Caledonia (CNC) requires that all students demonstrate appropriate levels of English language competency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening, sufficient to support full participation in their studies and the transition to further studies or careers.

SCOPE

This standard applies to all applicants (domestic or international), students, administrators, faculty and employees of CNC applying to Education Council approved programs that have an English Language Proficiency requirement.

Programs that have professionally mandated English Language Proficiency requirements are exempt and will list their specific requirements on their program profile.

COLLEGE STANDARD

1. Demonstration of English Language Proficiency

- 1.1 All applicants to programs that fall under Standard and/or Program-Specific Admissions standards must demonstrate proficiency in English by providing proof of one of the following:
 - a) Canadian High School Grades
 - i. English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 (minimum "C" grade), or equivalent;
 - b) Testing Options: Test scores are valid for 2 years from the date the test was written and must be valid through the first day of classes.
 - ii. Student Readiness Assessment (SRA): For domestic applicants only: Reading score of 250, Writing score of 250, WritePlacer score of 5
 - iii. Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL): Overall of 60+ with no subtest below 60
 - iv. Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) General: No section less than 7
 - v. Duolingo English Test: Overall score of 115

- vi. International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic): Overall score of 6.0 with no band less than 6
- vii. Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic): Overall score of 59 with no section less than 55
- viii. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT): Overall score of 4.0 with no section less than 4.0; or equivalent.
- c) Course Options
 - i. English Language Program: Level IV – English for Academic Purposes from a BC Institution or completion of the English Language EAP 3 Level at CNC.
 - ii. A 3-credit post-secondary-level English, Communications, Creative Writing, or Literature course with a minimum “C” grade, taken at a post-secondary institution located on the approved English-speaking country list.
 - iii. Successful completion of an Adult Upgrading English Course taken at the Provincial Level.
 - iv. GCSE/IGCSE English courses: Minimum final grade of “C” in GCSE/IGCSE Ordinary Level English.
- d) Institutional Options
 - i. Provide evidence of three years of full-time English instruction in an approved English-speaking country, along with proof of completion of Grade 12 English (or higher) with a minimum “C” grade.
 - ii. Completion of a minimum 2-year credential from a post-secondary institution listed on the approved English-speaking country list.

2. Approved English-Speaking Countries.

2.1 Applicants may be exempt if they have successfully completed three consecutive full-time years of secondary school and/or post-secondary education taught in a country where English is the principal language, as listed below:

America Samoa	Ghana	Saint Lucia
Anguilla	Gibraltar	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Antigua & Barbuda	Grenada	Seychelles
Australia	Guam	Sierra Leone
Bahamas	Guyana	Singapore
Barbados	Jamaica	South Africa
Belize	Kenya	Trinidad & Tobago
Bermuda	Lesotho	Tanzania
Botswana	Liberia	Turks & Caicos Island
British Virgin Islands	Malta	Uganda
Canada (incl. Quebec)	Malawi	United Kingdom
Cayman Islands	Montserrat	United States
Dominica	New Zealand	US Virgin Islands

Falkland Islands	Nigeria	Zambia
Fiji	Saint Helena	Zimbabwe
Gambia, The	Saint Kitts & Nevis	

Definitions and Acronyms		
English Language Proficiency	A defined level of skill in reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English.	
Supporting Information		
Related Policies, Forms, Documents, Websites	Admission Decision - Application for Appeal Form Admissions Policy and Procedures E-1.01 International Application for Admission Form CNC ELP Website	
Acts and Regulations	BC Colleges and Institute Act Section 23(1)(m)	
Amendment History		
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