

# Veterinarian Language Proficiency Regulatory Policy

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## 1. Background:

The Language Proficiency Testing Regulation, M.R. 91/2024 ("the regulation") was officially registered on September 27, 2024. This regulation dictates specific requirements that must be met when evaluating an applicant's language proficiency.

The MVMA has historically relied on the national language proficiency standard set by the National Examining Board (NEB). The regulation prescribes that the MVMA accept language proficiency exams that are not currently accepted by the NEB.

This policy is created as a stop gap measure that will remain in place until a more thorough review of language proficiency standards is completed by the NEB.

### 2. Purpose:

This policy is enacted to ensure that the MVMA complies with the regulation.

#### 3. Policy Statement:

The MVMA seeks to establish additional testing pathways for applicants that are based on the best available information.

#### 4. Procedure:

An applicant has up to two (2) years to submit language test results to the MVMA. Test results will then remain valid until the applicant receives a final registration decision from the MVMA.

The MVMA will accept the following language proficiency examinations and scores\* in addition to all examinations accepted by the NEB:

International English	Test de connaissance du français (TCF
Language Testing System	Canada)
(IELTS) General Test	
Writing- 8	Compréhension écrite (reading) – 499
Speaking- 8	points
Listening- 8	Compréhension orale (listening) – 503
Reading- 8	points
	Expression écrite (writing) – 12 points
	Expression orale (speaking) – 12 points
	Language Testing System (IELTS) General Test Writing- 8 Speaking- 8 Listening- 8

Test d'evaluation de français	Test d'evaluation de français (TEF	Test d'evaluation de français (TEF
(TEF Canada) Before September	Canada) October 1, 2019-	Canada) After December 10, 2023
30, 2019	December 10, 2023	
Compréhension écrite (reading)	Compréhension écrite (reading) -	Compréhension écrite (reading) –
- 233/300 points	500/699 points	462/699 points
Compréhension orale (listening)	Compréhension orale (listening) -	Compréhension orale (listening) -
- 280/360 points	500/699 points	462/699 points
Expression écrite (writing) -	Expression écrite (writing) -	Expression écrite (writing) -
349/450 points	500/699 points	472/699 points
Expression orale (speaking) -	Expression orale (speaking) -	Expression orale (speaking) -
349/450 points	500/699 points	494/699 points

<sup>\*</sup>If the organization of institution that developed the accepted language test has a policy that permits combined test results, the MVMA will accept the combined test results in accordance with the requirements of the policy.