



## Language Proficiency Requirements

### DEFINITIONS

“**Applicant**” means an individual who is applying for registration as a practising or non-practising member with the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals.

“**Council**” means the council of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals.

“**Pharmacy Professional**” in this document means licensed pharmacists and licensed pharmacy technicians.

### GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

NAPRA – National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities

SCPP – Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish the Council-approved language proficiency requirements for applicants. English language proficiency in all communication skills components (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) is a requirement for Saskatchewan pharmacy professionals, to ensure safe and effective patient care. All applicants are required to achieve the English language proficiency requirements described in this document prior to being registered as a member, and Saskatchewan pharmacy professionals are expected to maintain English language proficiency throughout their career.

## 2. REQUIREMENTS: ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

### Legislative Requirements: English Language Proficiency

*Part C and Part D of [The SCPP Regulatory Bylaws](#) require applicants to provide the SCPP with satisfactory evidence of meeting the language proficiency requirements approved by Council.*

*Clause 4(1)(f) of [The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Regulations](#) authorizes a regulatory body to require internationally-trained applicants to: (f) *demonstrate proficiency in either English or French.**

*Clause 5(1)(j) of [The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Regulations](#) authorizes a regulatory body to require labour mobility applicants to: (j) *demonstrate proficiency in either English or French if no language proficiency requirement of the same language was imposed on, and satisfied by, the labour mobility applicant as a condition of registration in the province or territory where the labour mobility applicant is currently registered.**

## **English Language Proficiency Requirements for All Applicants**

- 2.1. The SCPP Council approves and adopts the English language proficiency requirements, including the education as evidence, language proficiency tests, acceptable test scores, and triggers specified in the [NAPRA Language Proficiency Requirement Policy \(February 2024\)](#), concurrently with the exceptions and clarifications specified in this document.
- 2.2. Applicants are required to demonstrate English language proficiency as specified in the [NAPRA Language Proficiency Requirement Policy \(February 2024\)](#), or as otherwise stated in this document prior to being registered as an SCPP member and prior to commencing any post-graduate appraisal or assessment program.

## **NAPRA Approved Language Proficiency Tests: Exception and Clarifications**

- 2.3. Evidence of successful completion of one of the approved NAPRA English Language Proficiency tests.
  - 2.3.1. Language proficiency test results will be considered valid for two years from the date of the test or the validity period specified on the test, whichever is shorter.
  - 2.3.2. Language proficiency tests completed on or after September 1, 2024 will be assessed based on the [NAPRA Language Proficiency Requirement Policy \(February 2024\)](#) and the tests and minimum passing test scores in that document will apply.
  - 2.3.3. Language proficiency tests completed on or before August 31, 2024 will be assessed based on *the* [NAPRA Language Proficiency Requirements for Licensure as a Pharmacist in Canada \(June 2014\)](#) and the tests and minimum passing test scores in that document will apply.
  - 2.3.4. Test scores must be sent directly to the SCPP from the testing agency or be verifiable through the testing agency's online verification system.

## **Demonstrated in Another Canadian Jurisdiction: Exception**

- 2.4. An applicant who is currently registered with another Canadian pharmacy regulatory authority may demonstrate English language proficiency by submitting a letter or statement, directly from the regulatory authority to the SCPP, confirming that they successfully demonstrated English language proficiency as a condition of registration in that jurisdiction.
  - 2.4.1. If an applicant is registered with more than one Canadian pharmacy regulatory authority, demonstration of English language proficiency is only required from one regulatory authority.

### 3. TRIGGERS: ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

If an applicant or a member displays any of the triggers specified in the [NAPRA Language Proficiency Requirement Policy \(February 2024\)](#), SCPP may require the applicant or member to undertake a separate assessment or additional testing.