

## English Fluency Requirements for Eligibility to the IEMBP

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You must speak, listen, read, and write very well in English to be eligible to participate in the IEMBP.

Depending on your background, you can prove your fluency via:

1) An approved English language test

**OR**

2) Proof that you have met one of the criteria for exemption from English language testing (A, B, or C outlined below).

### 1) Approved English Language Tests

#### Approved Tests and Required Scores:

Test Name	Required Score	Organization Offering Test	Sites Available
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academic	7.0 overall (min. 7.0/component)	British Council, IELTS Australia and the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations <a href="http://www.ielts.org">www.ielts.org</a>	Worldwide (120 countries)
Test of English as a Foreign Language internet based testing (TOEFL-iBT)	95 total (min of 25 on the Speaking component and min of 21 on all other components)	Educational Testing Service (ETS) <a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a> <a href="http://www.toefl.org">www.toefl.org</a>	Worldwide (iBT & PBT in 165 countries)

Table Explanatory Notes:

- a. Test scores must be less than two years old as of the IEMBP's Application Portfolio *Finalization Date*. Older test scores will not be accepted.
- b. If you do not achieve the Required Score, you are not eligible to enter the IEMBP and we recommend that you take an English language course to improve your fluency before you apply.

### 2) Criteria for Exemption from English Language Testing

If you meet ONE of the following criteria, you do not have to take an English language test. However, you will have to submit proof (e.g. transcripts) that you meet the criteria. See the document called *Information about IEMBP Required Evidence* for details about what you will need to provide.

**Criteria A.** Successfully completed a minimum of 10 years of primary and secondary school in Canada, including English language examinations AND have achieved a minimum score of 70% in non-ESL Grade 12 English.

**OR**

**Criteria B.** Lived in an approved country where English is the first language for four of the six years immediately prior to Finalization of the IEMBP Application Portfolio AND have completed a midwifery education program, of at least 24 months duration, in a country where English is the first language, where the language of instruction and examination was in English and where a minimum of 80% of clinical experience, including patient interactions, took place in English.

**OR**

**Criteria C.** Lived in an approved country where English is the first language for four of the six years immediately prior to finalization of the IEMBP Application Portfolio AND have lived and studied in a country where English is the first language and studied in English-only schools for at least four years in a secondary and/or post-secondary institution.

English is only considered as a first language when it is the language learned at home in childhood *or* it is the language the individual identifies as knowing best and being most comfortable with *and* it is the language primarily used for reading, writing, listening and speaking.

NOTE: The IEMBP reserves the right to request additional proof of English language competency and/or to require you to attend an English course pre-requisite if they assess that your English fluency is not adequate for the IEMBP.

Countries considered to have English as the first language by the IEMBP

Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Dominica, Grenada, Grenadines, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, and US Virgin Islands.