



## **Administrative Policy: 009**

To: FILE  
From: Registration Committee  
CC: Council  
Date: October 11, 2016  
Re: A POLICY ON ADMINISTRATION OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

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In order to assist the Registration Committee with consistency in the application of language proficiency requirements set out in Subparagraph 3(5)(a) of the Regulatory bylaws, it shall be the policy of the Registration Committee to administer the provisions as follows:

- (1) The Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) is the NACOR's accepted method of proving proficiency in the English language, and as such, in order to ensure consistency, it shall be the accepted method of determining proficiency of the English Language in Saskatchewan as well;
- (2) Applicants, whose first language is not English, and that have not taken either the CLB or ILETS language test, will be required to take the CLB, to prove their proficiency in the English Language;
- (3) Applicants that have completed an international language exam (ILETS), may have their results compared to CLB standards to determine whether the applicants results are equal or comparable to CLB standards;
- (4) Where the ILETS results do not meet CLB standards, the applicant will be required to complete the CLB language test, and will be required to take any language training required to meet CLB standards;
- (5) Where the ILETS is comparable to Canadian Standards, but concern still exists over an applicant's ability in the English language, the Registration Committee must satisfy itself, that the applicant's proficiency is such, that it ensures the applicant the best opportunity to be successful with the PLAR and NACOR licensing exam;
- (6) To verify and satisfy that the ILETS results are satisfactory, the Registration Committee may choose to interview the applicant, and/or consult with the applicants supervisor, employer, or others who can attest to the applicants English Language proficiency;
- (7) If the Registration Committee is satisfied that the applicant meets the language proficiency the Committee may refer the applicant for the PLAR;

(8) Further to the above, the Registration Committee will not accept or process applications for registration or Prior Learning Assessments, unless the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of their proficiency in the English Language.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL of Saskatchewan College of Opticians, this 23rd day of October 2016.