

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MIDWIFERY BRIDGING PROJECT

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English Fluency Requirements for Eligibility to the MMBP

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

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 for entry into the MMBP "Minimum score"	Required Score for entry into the MMBP Core Midwifery Phase "Higher score"	Organization Offering Test	Sites Available
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academic	6.5 overall (min. 6/component)	7.0 overall (min. 6.5/component)	British Council, IELTS Australia and the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations www.ielts.org	Worldwide (120 countries)
Test of English as a Foreign Language paper-based testing (TOEFL-PBT) AND Test of Spoken English (TSE)	560 paper-based AND 45 on TSE	580 paper-based and 5 on Test of Written English (TWE) AND 50 on TSE	Educational Testing Service (ETS) www.ets.org www.toefl.org www.ets.org/tse	Worldwide (iBT & PBT in 165 countries)
Test of English as a Foreign Language internet based testing (TOEFL-iBT)	83 total (min. of 20 on each component)	92 total (min of 21 on each component)	Educational Testing Service (ETS) www.ets.org www.toefl.org	Worldwide (iBT & PBT in 165 countries)
Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)	4	4.5	Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, University of Ottawa www.olbi.uottawa.ca/en/cantest.php	Ottawa, Toronto, and sometimes other sites in Canada

Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	60 overall (min 60 on each component)	70 overall (min 70 on each component)	CAEL Assessment Office, Carlton University www.cael.ca	Across Canada plus 9 countries
Cambridge Certification in Advanced English (CAE)	B	B	ESOL Exams, University of Cambridge www.cambridgeesol.org	Worldwide (130 countries)
Cambridge Certification of Proficiency in English (CPE)	C	C	ESOL Exams, University of Cambridge www.cambridgeesol.org	Worldwide (130 countries)
Occupational English Test (OET)	B	B	OET Centre University of Melbourne www.occupationalenglishtest.org	Worldwide (40 countries)
BC Midwifery Language Proficiency Test (BCMLPT)	50% overall (min 50% on each component)	70% overall (min 70% on each component)	College of Midwives of BC www.cmbc.bc.ca Note: The BCMLPT will only be offered when there is sufficient interest.	Vancouver, Canada
Ontario Midwifery Language Proficiency Test (OMLPT) AND Test of Spoken English (TSE) or speaking component of another approved language test	50% overall (min 50% on each component) AND 45 on TSE or contact MMBP to discuss acceptable speaking test components and the minimum score required	70% overall (min 70% on each component) AND 45 on TSE or contact MMBP to discuss acceptable speaking test components and the higher score required	Ryerson University's IMPP www.ryerson.ca/ce Note: The OMLPT test is acceptable for MMBP entry, but has limited availability. See above for info on TSE.	Toronto, Canada

Table Explanatory Notes:

- a. Test scores must be less than two years old as of the MMBP's Application Portfolio *Finalization Deadline*. Older test scores will not be accepted.
- b. If you achieve the "minimum score", you meet the English fluency requirements for entry into the MMBP, and can take the MMBP Pre-requisite Phase Courses while you work on improving your English fluency. You will be required to complete an MMBP-approved English for the Health Sector course prior to entry into the MMBP Core Midwifery Phase. In some provinces and territories, you may be eligible for funded language training if you are accepted into the MMBP based on having met the minimum score.

You can only take the MMBP Core Midwifery Phase Courses (Community 1, Intensive and Community 2) when you achieve the "higher score" listed in the table above, or your eligibility for exemption from testing has been verified.

Note: In certain circumstances where an MMBP-approved English for the Health Sector course is unavailable to an applicant, it may be possible to have an individual English learning plan approved by the MMBP instead of taking this course. In all cases, applicants must meet the “higher score” prior to taking the MMBP Core Midwifery Phase Courses.

- c. If you do not achieve the “minimum score”, you are not eligible to enter the MMBP 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 may 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 MMBP 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 English-dominant country for four of the six years immediately prior to the MMBP Application Portfolio *Finalization Deadline* AND have completed a midwifery education program, of at least 24 months duration, in an English-dominant country, 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 English-dominant country for four of the six years immediately prior to the MMBP Application Portfolio *Finalization Deadline* AND have lived and studied in an English-dominant country in English-only schools for at least four years in a secondary and/or post-secondary institution.

NOTE: The MMBP and its partners reserve the right to request additional proof of English language competency and/or to require you to attend an English course pre-requisite if they judge that your English fluency is not high enough for the MMBP.

Countries considered to be English-dominant by the MMBP

Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.