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SECTION	REGISTRATION & LICENSURE
POLICY NAME	Language Proficiency
DESCRIPTION	<p><i>Whereas accurate communication is vital to patient safety, and whereas the Medical Act of PEI has been amended to define proficiency in the English language, the following has been adopted as the information which must be provided to the Registrar at time of application for registration.</i></p> <p>An applicant is reasonably proficient in English if the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) has obtained, within the 24-month period immediately preceding the application, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a minimum score of 24 in each of the four components of the Internet-based test of the Test of English as a Foreign Language of the Educational Testing Service, or (ii) a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components of the academic test of the International English Language Testing System; (b) has completed both primary and secondary education in English; (c) has obtained a degree in medicine from a medical school in which the language of instruction, including the language used in patient care, was English; (d) has, in a jurisdiction where the language of instruction or practice was English, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) completed four years of postgraduate education in clinical medicine, (ii) practised, unsupervised and in good standing, for at least four years, or (iii) completed a combination of postgraduate education in clinical medicine and practice, unsupervised and in good standing, for a total of at least four years; (e) has held continuously, for the four years immediately preceding the application, a senior teaching appointment at an accredited medical school in which the language of instruction, including the language used in patient care, was English; or (f) otherwise satisfies the College that the applicant is reasonably proficient in English.
APPLICABLE LEGISLATION	MEDICAL ACT, 1988 24 (2) PEI Regulations, Registration 1.(1)(k)
APPROVED BY:	Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of PEI December 7, 2015
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