

BC Health Care Assistant (HCA) Programs English Language Competency Requirements

Remote Language Proficiency Assessments Interim Emergency Measures for HCA Program Entry Effective to September 30, 2022

1. Applicants whose first language is not English

The Registry is aware that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been interruptions to services that normally support HCA program applicants to meet English Language Competency Requirements, including the closure of English language assessment centres.

To ensure that Health Care Assistant programs are able to move forward, the following interim emergency measures are being allowed.

Applicants whose first language is not English may provide one of the following as evidence of program entry:

- **For the HCA Program¹**

CLBPT Remote Assessment: test within the last year. Listening 7, Speaking 7, Reading 6, Writing 6.

TOEFL iBT, Special Home Edition: test within the last year. Overall score of 76 with no score lower than 20 in Speaking and Listening and no score lower than 18 in Reading and Writing.

- **For the HCA ESL Program Variation**

CLBPT Remote Assessment: test within the last year. Listening 6, Speaking 6, Reading 5, Writing 5.

TOEFL iBT, Special Home Edition: test within the last year. Overall score of 56 with no score lower than 15 in Speaking and Listening and no score lower than 13 in Reading and Writing.

For further information, see Appendix A.

¹ Includes recognized variations such as the Health Care Assistant Access Program and the Health Care Assistant Upgrade Program

Appendix A - Information about Remote Assessments

1. **CLBPT Remote Assessment:** <https://www.language.ca/resources/expertise/for-language-learners/#1473771803983-0f2b7a24-0d0f>

The CLBPT Remote Assessment can be taken at home, with security provided remotely by the CLBPT assessor. For more information regarding rules for remote testing, see client consent form:

Client Consent Form



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The test is identical in content and format to the CLBPT Assessment, which is already an accepted test within English Language Competency Requirements. Test Interpretation for the CLBPT Remote is the same as for the CLBPT.

Test details and fees vary by assessment centre. The following approved CLBPT assessment centres have confirmed they offer the CLBPT remote and provided cost and contact information:

[ISS Language and Career College of BC](#)

Contact: info@LCC.issbc.org

Cost: \$150.00

[MOSAIC engage](#)

Contact: clbpt@mosaicbc.org

Cost: \$120.00

[Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Society](#)

Contact: jennifer@vircs.bc.ca

Cost: \$100.00

Note: There may be additional testing centres offering the CLBPT remote. For more information, contact [assessment centres](#) directly.

2. **TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition Test:** https://www.ets.org/s/cv/toefl/at-home/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIgaKxw9zb6AIVisBkCh1I4gWQEAAAYASAAEgKP8fD_BwE

The TOEFL iBT, Special Home Edition Test can be taken at home, with security provided remotely by a human proctor through ProctorU. For more information regarding test security, visit the link above

This test is identical in content, format and on-screen experience to the TOEFL iBT test taken at a test center. The TOEFL iBT is already an accepted test within the English Language Competency Requirements. Test Interpretation for the special home edition is the same as for the TOEFL iBT

Test results are available within 6-10 days of the test. Scores can also be shared with selected educational institutions. Candidates may retest again after 3 days.

Test Fees are listed [here](#) and total \$245.00