

Language Proficiency Assessment Policy

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Position(s) Responsible

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Policy

Instruction at Western Maritime Institute is conducted in English. Students whose first language is not English are required to undergo a Language Proficiency Assessment prior to enrolment in order to ensure they have the language abilities necessary to successfully complete the courses or Certificate of Competency of their choice.

Language proficiency requirements are admission requirements and may not be waived by either the institution or the student. The following are accepted options are available to prospective students:

1. Complete English 12 and provide evidence of having successfully completed two years of full-time education in English in an English-speaking country at the Secondary or Post-Secondary level.
 - a. Two years of full-time education is considered either 12 courses successfully completed in two years or 15 courses successfully completed in three years.
 - b. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are not acceptable to meet this requirement.
2. Demonstrate English proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening by meeting one of the following requirements, supported by official results:
 - a. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) minimum test score of 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer version) or 80 on the internet-based test.
 - b. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum band of 6.0
 - c. Canada Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL) with a minimum band of 60.

Evidence of successful completion of English 12 and two years of full-time education in English in an English-speaking country must be supported by an official transcript sent to Western Maritime Institute in a sealed envelope or directly from the issuing school.