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All Registered Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists
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CHANGES TO AHPC'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS AND RADIATION THERAPISTS

This circular informs Diagnostic Radiographers (DRs) and Radiation Therapists (RTs) and institutions and their HR departments on the changes to the English language proficiency (ELP) requirements for DRs and RTs for registration with the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC).

BACKGROUND

2 The ability to effectively communicate with patients, caregivers and other healthcare professionals and to document accurately and clearly in the clinical notes are critical to good and safe patient care. Hence, registered AHPs are required to be proficient in English which is the main language of communication for healthcare in Singapore.

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

3 Registration applicants whose basic professional qualifications are not from Singapore, Australia, Canada (except Quebec), New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, and the United States of America, are required to be proficient in English based on the AHPC criteria for each registered Allied Health profession. The accepted ELP tests are:

- i. the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) UK;
- ii. the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) USA; and
- iii. the Occupational English Test (OET) Australia (test is profession-specific).

4 The current accepted ELP scores by the AHPC for the DR and RT professions are:

IELTS (Academic Module)	At least 6 for ALL components (Listening, Reading, Writing AND Speaking)
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TOEFL	At least 60 marks for internet-based test
OET	Grade B and above

NEW REQUIREMENTS

5 With effect from 1 January 2023, all DRs and RTs applicants using TOEFL for their registration application will be required to score at least **70 marks** instead of 60 for the **TOEFL internet-based test**. Applicants must also have a score of **at least 15** for each of the four components tested for TOEFL. Applicants who apply before 1 January 2023 and have not met the ELP requirement by 31 December 2022 will have to meet this new ELP requirement for TOEFL. For DRs and RTs applicants using IELTS or OET test scores, there is no change to the ELP score requirement for IELTS and OET for the time being.

6 The AHPC accepted ELP scores for DRs and RTs with effect from 1 January 2023 are as follows:

IELTS (Academic Module)	At least 6 for ALL components (Listening, Reading, Writing AND Speaking)
TOEFL (New)	At least 70 marks for internet-based test (each of the 4 components must have a score of at least 15 marks)
OET	Grade B and above

7 Only results of tests taken within two years preceding the date of registration application to AHPC will be accepted.

8 DRs and RTs who are currently on Conditional registration and have not met the ELP requirements must pass the ELP tests while on conditional registration. If they do not meet the AHPC's ELP requirements during the period of conditional registration, their conditional registration will not be renewed after the final deadline set by AHPC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

9 For more information, please write to AHPC@spb.gov.sg.

Thank you.



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