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English Language Testing Scores Policy

- I. Purpose: To establish minimum English language testing scores for licensure by endorsement of foreign-educated nurses.
- II. Policy: The following are passing scores for evidence of competence in oral and written English in accordance with Section 343 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act (IRRIRA) of 1996 and O.A.C. §§485:10-7-2(e)(1), (2).
- III. Registered Nurse applicants for licensure by endorsement educated in foreign countries as defined in O.A.C. §485:10-7-2(e)(1) must submit competence in oral and written English as evidenced by passing scores in the following:
 - A. Occupational English Test (OET)

Speaking	360
Reading	340
Writing	350
Listening	320

OR
 - B. International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Speaking	7
Overall	6.5

OR
 - C. Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Testing (TOEFL iBT)

Speaking	4.5
Reading, Listening, & Writing	3.5
Overall	4.5

OR
 - D. Michigan English Test (MET)

Speaking	59
Overall	58

OR
 - E. Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic

Speaking	76
Reading, Listening, & Writing	62
Overall	55

IV. Licensed Practical Nurse applicants for licensure by endorsement educated in foreign countries as defined in O.A.C. §485:10-7-2(e)(2) must submit competence in oral and written English as evidenced by passing scores in the following:

A. Occupational English Test (OET)

Speaking	360
Reading	310
Writing	290
Listening	290

OR

B. International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Speaking	7
Overall	6

OR

C. Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Testing (TOEFL iBT)

Speaking	4.5
Reading, Listening, & Writing	3
Overall	4

OR

D. Michigan English Test (MET)

Speaking	59
Overall	53

OR

E. Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic

Speaking	76
Reading, Listening, & Writing	52
Overall	47

V. Documentation of English language testing scores must be official documentation received in the Board office directly from the testing entity or Board-approved third-party credential evaluation organization. If the testing entity or Board-approved third-party credential evaluation organization indicates the scores are considered not valid and/or expired, the test scores will not be accepted.

VI. References:

- A. Health Resources & Services Administration (2026). Updated List of Tests and Scores for Foreign Health Care Workers. Retrieved 5/27/26 from:
<https://www.hrsa.gov/office-global-health/foreign-healthcare-worker-requirements>