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**CHANGES TO AHPC'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS
FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPISTS**

This circular informs all registered allied health professionals (AHPs), healthcare institutions, Allied Health Directors/Chairpersons, CEO of Therapy Hubs and their HR departments of changes to the English language proficiency (ELP) requirements for Speech-Language Therapists (SLTs) seeking registration with the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC).

BACKGROUND

2 Effective communication with patients/clients, caregivers and other care professionals, along with accurate clinical documentation, is fundamental to quality patient care. As English is the main medium of communication in Singapore's healthcare sector, all registered AHPs must demonstrate proficiency in English.

APPLICABILITY

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's criteria for each registered 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).

NEW ELP REQUIREMENTS

4 With effect from 1 August 2025, the accepted ELP tests and minimum scores required will be lowered. Please refer to the table for the minimum ELP scores accepted from 1 August 2025:

Accepted ELP tests	Current Minimum ELP scores accepted	Updated Minimum ELP scores accepted from 1 August 2025
IELTS (Academic Module)	Overall 8 and no less than 7.5 for ALL components (Listening, Reading, Writing AND Speaking)	Overall 7.5 and no less than 7.0 for ALL components (Listening, Reading, Writing AND Speaking)
TOEFL (internet-based test)	110 marks	102 marks
OET	At least 3 Grade As and 1 Grade B	Grade B (400) in three components and B (350) in any one component

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

5 Applicants must note that all test components must be passed within a single examination sitting. The AHPC will not accept results combined from different examination sittings. Only test results obtained within two years before the application date will be considered valid. While applicants may attempt the tests as many times as needed to meet the requirements, each attempt must achieve the minimum scores in all components in that single sitting.

ENQUIRIES

6 For enquiries, please write to AHPC@spb.gov.sg.

Thank you.



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