

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING

Licensure Policy 06-01

Title	Board-designated Tests of English Proficiency and Required Minimum Cut Scores
Purpose	The Board of Registration in Nursing adopts this policy to identify those tests of English proficiency and their corresponding minimum cut score that the Board has designated as acceptable in fulfilling compliance with regulations 244 CMR 8.02(1)(c), 8.03(1)(c), 8.04(1)(c) and 8.04(2)(d).
Date Adopted/ Revised	September 13, 2006; July 13, 2011 (Reviewed); November 9, 2011 (Revised); December 14, 2011 (Corrected); November 12, 2014 (Revised); June 8, 2016 (Revised)
Policy	<p>The Board of Registration in Nursing has designated the following tests of English proficiency as acceptable in fulfilling compliance with regulations 244 CMR 8.02(1)(c) 8.03(1)(c), 8.04(1)(c) and 8.04(2)(d):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Speaking CLB 8 Listening CLB 10 <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Reading CLB 8 Writing CLB 7 • International English Language Testing System Academic (IELTS Academic): Overall Band Score 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 all modules • Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic): Overall passing standard of 55 with no individual section below 50 • Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB): Total passing score of 81 and a speaking section score of 3 • Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-based (TOEFL iBT): 84 with a minimum speaking component score of 26