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1. Policy:

- 1.1 All practicing members are required to provide evidence of English language proficiency.
- 1.2 Practicing members can provide one of the following forms of evidence of their English language proficiency:
 - Graduation from an English Canadian occupational therapy education program
 - Graduation from a university where the occupational therapy program is provided entirely in English
 - Demonstration of English language proficiency by achieving the minimum requisite scores on one of the approved third-party English language proficiency tests and submitting original or notarized copies of the test results to SSOT.
- 1.3 SSOT approved third-party English language proficiency tests are the following:
 - **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):** TOEFL iBT® (Internet-based TOEFL)
Overall: 92 Speaking: 26 Listening: 22 Writing: 22 Reading: 22
For more information on the TOEFL test contact: www.ets.org/toefl
 - **International English Language Testing System (IELTS):** IELTS™ Academic
Overall: 7.0 Speaking: 7.5 Listening: 7.0 Writing: 6.5 Reading: 7.0
For more information on the IELTS test contact: www.ielts.org;
In Canada: www.ieltscanada.ca
 - **The Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)**
Overall: 4.5 Speaking: 4.5 Listening: 4.5 Writing: 4.0 Reading: 4.5
For information about test dates, locations and how to register, contact:
www.cantest.uottawa.ca
- 1.4 An applicant who does not achieve the minimum requisite score on one of the third-party English language proficiency tests is not eligible for a license with SSOT.
- 1.5 Applicants may retest and submit successful scores at any time.

2. Purpose:

- 2.1 Effective communication is one of the essential competencies of practice in occupational therapy and is critical for the delivery of safe and effective, quality care.

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For these reasons the SSOT requires that applicants must provide persuasive, objective evidence of language proficiency in English.

3. Procedure:

3.1 The SSOT Registrar will review submitted English language evidence to determine if it meets SSOT requirements.