

BCIT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRADES AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

(EXCLUDING: [SECURITY ALARM TECHNICIAN](#))

BCIT students must possess an acceptable level of English-language skill. The high school level of English is outlined on the individual program web pages. Those applicants who are lacking the appropriate English language level for their desired program will be required to demonstrate their competence through one of the following options (divided into BCIT options, other language test options, and other course/program options).

BCIT OPTIONS

1) Individual assessment by the BCIT Communication department

a) Written English Assessment ([COMM 0015: English Competency Assessment](#))

To undergo this assessment, applicants are required to register for COMM 0015 (English Competency Assessment). This assessment is also included in the COMM 0045 course. You will be assessed for three English-language components: reading comprehension, grammar, and written composition. Assessment score levels are as follows:

English level	BCIT English Competency Assessment results required
English 12 at a B level	score of 80
English 12 at a C+ level	score of 70
English 12 at a C level	score of 60
English 12 at a Pass or C- level	score of 50
English 11 at a Pass to C+ level	score of 50
A result of "U" on the BCIT transcript indicates that you <u>do not</u> meet the English language requirement	

b) Spoken English Assessment ([COMM 0033](#) test or [COMM 0030](#) course)

To register for these courses or get more information, contact [Student Information and Enrolment Services](#) at 604-434-1610 or toll-free at 1-866-434-1610 (Canada and the US only)

2) Completion of BCIT COMM 1103 or COMM 1106

The marks needed in COMM 1103/1106 changed as of June 3, 2009 as follows:

Applications received by Admissions June 3, 2009 and later:

English level	BCIT Communications course minimum grade required
English 12 at a "Pass" to a "C"	COMM 1103 or COMM 1106 (50%)
English 12 at a "C+"	COMM 1103 or COMM 1106 (60%)
English 12 at a "B"	COMM 1103 or COMM 1106 (65%)

Applications received by Admissions before June 3, 2009:

English level	BCIT Communications course minimum grade required
English 12 at a "Pass" to a "B"	COMM 1103 or COMM 1106 (50%)

BCIT OPTIONS (continued)

3) Completion of [BCIT PELD](#) (Professional English Language Development) COMM course

To register for a PELD COMM course, students need to write the [COMM 0015](#) assessment. COMM 0015 determines eligibility for registration in the appropriate level of a PELD COMM course.

For [PELD COMM courses](#) taken before April 1, 2005 scores required are:

English levels	BCIT PELD COMM course minimum grade required
English 12 with a B or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (80%)
English 12 with a C+ or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (75%)
English 12 with a C or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (70%)
English 12 with a Pass or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (65%)
English 11 Pass to C+	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (50%) or COMM 0004 (75%)

For [PELD COMM courses](#) taken after April 1, 2005 scores required are:

English levels	BCIT PELD COMM course minimum grade required
English 12 with a B or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (80%)
English 12 with a C+ or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (70%)
English 12 with a C or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (60%)
English 12 with a Pass or better	COMM 0005 or COMM 0008 (50%)
English 11 with a C+ or better	COMM 0004 (70%)
English 11 with a C or better	COMM 0004 (60%)
English 11 with a Pass	COMM 0004 (50%)

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4) BCIT International Student Entry Program (ISEP) courses taken after May 2009:

English Levels	ISEP Course Minimum Grade Required
English 12 B or better	ISEP 0600 (70%)
English 12 C+	ISEP 0600 (60%)
English 12 C	ISEP 0600 (50%)
English 12 C-	ISEP 0500 (70%)
English 12 Pass	ISEP 0500 (60%)
English 11 B or better	ISEP 0500 (50%)

5) BCIT Trades Pre-Test

Some BCIT Trades Vocational/Technical Studies programs allow applicants to write a BCIT Trades Pre-test to determine English-language and Math ability. **Not all Trades Vocational/Technical Studies programs offer this option.** You must check the Trades Vocational/Technical studies program entrance requirements to verify if this is an acceptable option. There is a cost of \$35.00 for each subject tested.

For more information about the Trades Pre-test, please call: [Trades Learning Centre](#), (604) 451-6832 or email: Trades_Pretest@bcit.ca. Residents outside the lower Mainland can email or phone to make arrangements to write the exam at a local college or high school.

OTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST OPTIONS

1) TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and the TWE (Test of Written English).

The **Test of Spoken English (TSE)**, or the internet-based test's spoken portion, may be required by some programs. If a program does not specify a TSE/spoken English requirement or score, then no specific score in spoken English is required for entrance.

English levels:	TOEFL or TWE or TSE score required:
English 12 (B or better) (Technical and Professional Communications 12 at B or better)	
TOEFL equivalent paper-based scores:	580+ and TWE 5.0+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent computer-based scores:	237+ and essay rating 5.0+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent internet-based scores:	92 and 27/30 (spoken portion)
English 12 (C+) (Technical and Professional Communications 12 at C+)	
TOEFL equivalent paper-based scores:	570+ and TWE 4.5+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent computer-based scores:	230+ and essay rating 4.5+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent internet-based scores:	88 and 24/30 (spoken portion)
English 12 (C) (Technical and Professional Communications 12 at C)	
TOEFL equivalent paper-based scores:	560+ and TWE 4.0+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent computer-based scores:	220+ and essay rating 4.0+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent internet-based scores:	83 and 21/30 (spoken portion)
English 12 (C-/pass) (Technical and Professional Communications 12 at C-/pass)	
TOEFL equivalent paper-based scores:	550+ and TWE 3.5+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent computer-based scores:	213+ and essay rating 3.5+ and TSE 50+
TOEFL equivalent internet-based scores:	79 and 18/30 (spoken portion)
English 11 or English 12ME or Communications 12 "C+" (this is not Technical and Professional Communications):	
TOEFL equivalent paper-based scores:	520 and TWE not required
TOEFL equivalent computer-based scores:	190+
TOEFL equivalent internet-based scores:	68+
English 11 or English 12ME or Communications 12 "C" (this is not Technical and Professional Communications):	
TOEFL equivalent paper-based scores:	510 and TWE not required
TOEFL equivalent computer-based scores:	180+
TOEFL equivalent internet-based scores:	64+
English 11 or English 12ME or Communications 12 "C-/pass" (this is not Technical and Professional Communications):	
TOEFL equivalent paper-based scores:	500 and TWE not required
TOEFL equivalent computer-based scores:	175+
TOEFL equivalent internet-based scores:	62+

To request an application form and registration information about TOEFL contact:

TOEFL, Education Testing Service,
 P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey,
 USA 08541-6152
 Telephone: 1-609-771-7100 e-mail: TOEFL@ets.org website: <http://www.toefl.org>

OTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST OPTIONS (continued)

2) Vancouver Community College English Language Assessment Test

Results of this test remain valid for one year. This option is not available to persons whose first language is English.

English levels	VCC ELA minimum test score required
English 12 (B)	160
English 12 (Pass to C+)	145
English 11 or Communications 12	135
English 10	125

To make an appointment you must apply in person and bring a referral letter, which you can request from your BCIT admissions office to:

Assessment Center, Room 4027, Vancouver Community College, King Edward Campus
1155 East Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

Telephone: (604) 871-7093

Assessment Centre hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Wednesday: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m., Fridays: closed

The non-refundable testing fee of \$90.00 is payable on the day you make your appointment. Payment can be made by cash, Debit-card, VISA, or MasterCard. Personal cheques are not accepted. Picture ID must be shown to make the appointment and must also be presented on day of the assessment testing.

3) IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

Scores are required in all 4 components - Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking; score **MUST** be the **ACADEMIC** stream.

English Level	Overall Score	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
English 12 (B or better)	6.5	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0
English 12 (C to C+)	6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
English 12 (Pass to C-)	5.5	5.0	5.0	6.0	5.0
English 11 (Pass)	5.0	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0
Communications 12 (Pass)	5.0	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0

IELTS is jointly managed by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), the British Council and IDP Education Australia: IELTS Australia. website: <http://www.ucles.org.uk>

IELTS Center in Canada: Sarah Fleming, IELTS Administrator, Simon Fraser University

Telephone: (604) 291-5930 or fax: (604) 291-4989 e-mail: sjf@sfu.ca website: <http://www.sfu.ca/ielts/>

4) CAEL Assessment (Canadian Academic English Language Assessment)

The minimum CAEL Band scores required for each category:

English Level	Overall Score	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
English 12 (B or better)	70	70	60	70	60
English 12 (C to C+)	60	60	60	60	60
English 12 (Pass to C-)	60	50	50	50	50

For more information on the CAEL, check the website: <http://www.cael.ca/> or mail:

The CAEL Assessment Office
220 Paterson Hall, Carleton University
1125 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1S 5B6

Telephone: (613) 520-2600 x 2271 Fax: (613) 520-7872 e-mail: cael@carleton.ca

OTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST OPTIONS (continued)

5) Language Proficiency Index (LPI)

The minimum LPI Essay scores required for each category:

English Levels	LPI Essay Score
English 12 A	6
English 12 B	5+
English 12 C+	5+
English 12 C	4+
English 12 C-/Pass	4+
English 11 (any mark)	4+

For more information on the LPI, check the website: <http://www.ares.ubc.ca/LPI/index.html> or mail:

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 The University of British Columbia
 Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6T 1Z4
 Telephone: (604) 822-4146
 Fax: (604) 822-9144
 Contact us by e-mail at: LpiOffice@ares.ubc.ca

6) Michigan English Language Arts Battery Exam (MELAB)

The following MELAB scores are accepted for program entrance requirements:

English Levels	MELAB Score
English 12 B	90+
English 12 C+	85+
English 12 C	80+
English 12 C-/Pass	75+
English 11 (any mark)	70+

7) SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

BCIT accepts the following SAT scores to meet English entrance requirements. Our institution SAT number is 61612.

English Levels	SAT Minimum Critical Reading Score	SAT Minimum Essay Sub-score
English 12 B	550	10
English 12 C+	525	9
English 12 C	500	8
English 12 C-/Pass	475	8
English 11 (any mark)	450	7

OTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE/PROGRAM OPTIONS

1) Completion of approved English course at another institution (with the entry grade required for the program).

For information on acceptable courses and grades, make an appointment for a BCIT Program Advisor to contact you through Student Information and Enrolment Services at (604) 434-1610 or go the website: bcit.ca/askadvisor or if you have already applied to a program, contact the Admissions department at (604) 434-1610.

Please note that the BC Ministry of Education publishes a document (Articulation Guide for English as a Second Language Programs in the British Columbia Post-Secondary Transfer System), which lists post-secondary ESL courses in BC. This document contains information on which courses are articulated as English 12 equivalents. This document can be found online at http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/esl/handbook/articulation_guide.pdf.