



ASSESSMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

This assessment method for English language competence **does not apply** to applicants for professional registration who will complete (or have completed) the essay component of the National Professional Practice Exam in BC **before January 2023**.

English language competence for practice is evaluated through:

- Communication competencies through the Competency Assessment System,
- Comments of referees/validators, and
- Comments of interviewers (if an interview is required)
- If required, an approved English Language Test (IELTS, CAEL or Duolingo English Test*)
**Note that an experience assessment will be conducted first before determining whether an appropriate English language test is required. Do not register or submit results unless specifically assigned or requested.*

The relevant Communication competencies for engineering and geoscience are summarized below:

	Communication Competencies
Engineering	2.1 – Oral Communication 2.2 – Written Communication 2.3 – Reading and Comprehension
Geoscience	4.1 – Deliver and comprehend oral communication 4.2 – Deliver and comprehend written communication 4.3 – Communicate technical information effectively to a variety of audiences

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND OUTCOMES

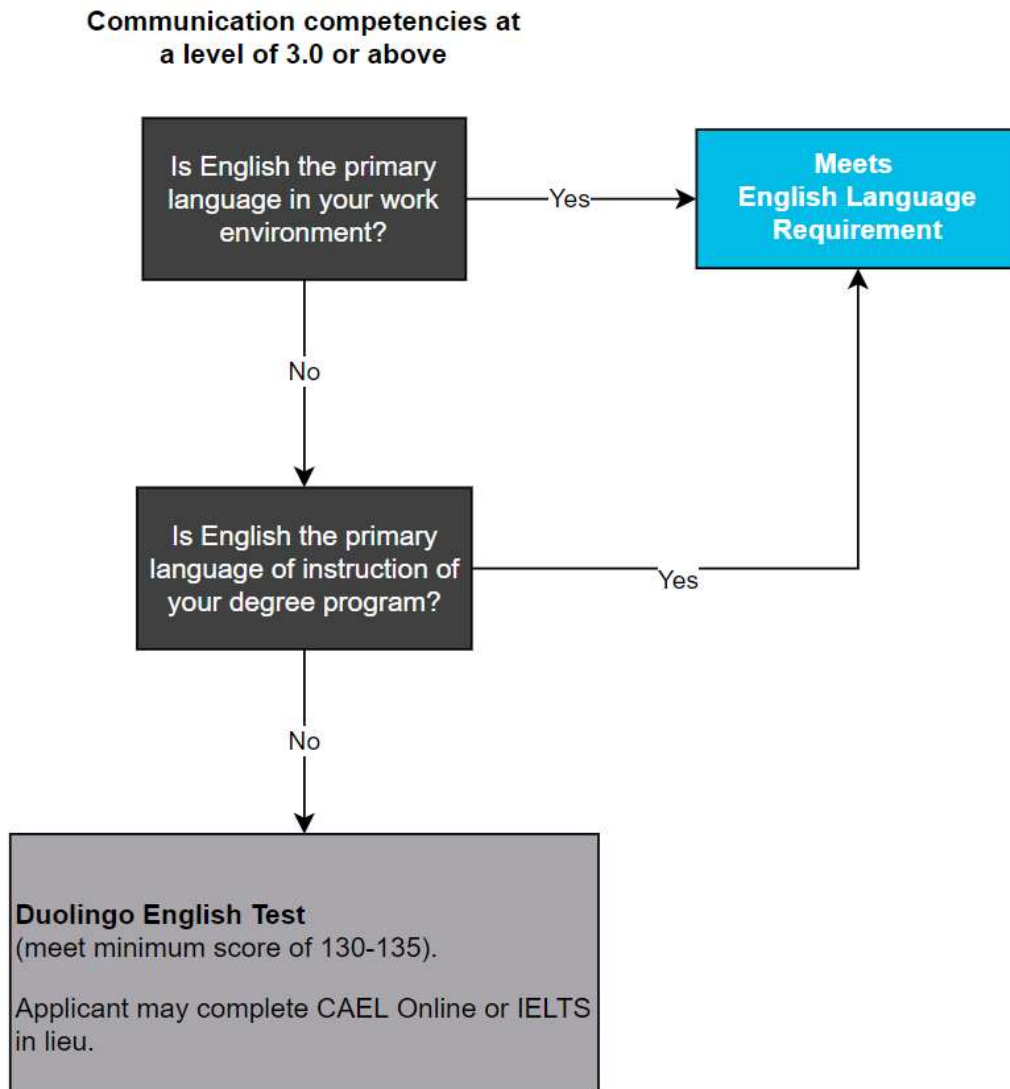
To establish English language competence, Engineers and Geoscientists BC considers:

- 1) Your assessed rating level for the engineering or geoscience Communication competencies.
- 2) The primary language in your professional work environment; and if applicable
- 3) If applicable, the primary language of instruction of your degree program.

The following scenarios and accompanying flowcharts demonstrate how English language competence is demonstrated or when an approved English language test is appropriate.

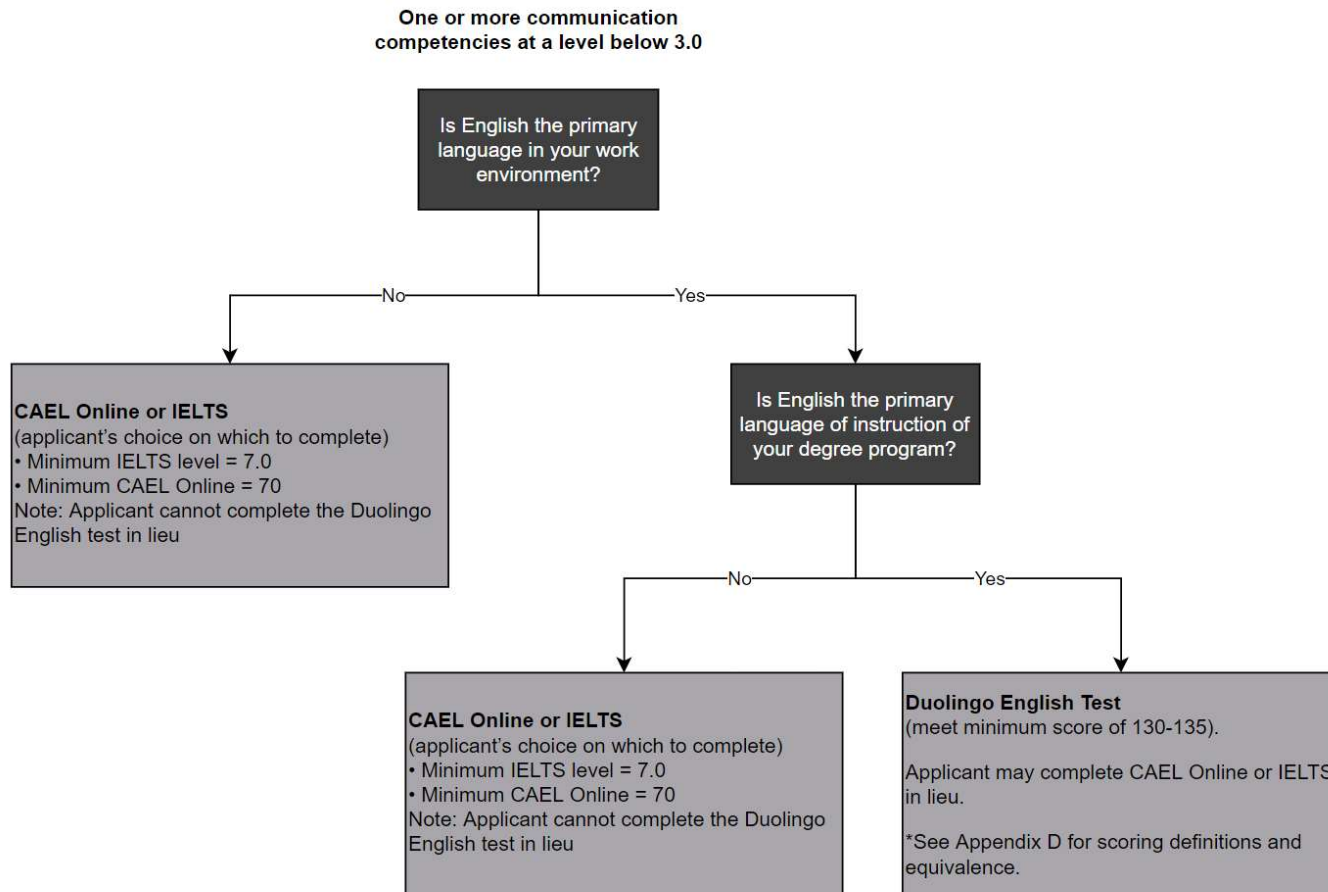
SCENARIO A

If all of your Communication competencies have been assessed at a level of 3.0 or above:



SCENARIO B

If *one of more* of your Communication competencies have been assessed below 3.0:



APPROVED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS

Engineers and Geoscientists BC has approved three English language testing options.

English Language Test	Minimum requirement
<u>Duolingo English Test</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet minimum scoring range of 130-135 or above. • Applicant may complete CAEL Online or IELTS in lieu. • IMPORTANT: This test is only available for applicants who have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication competencies at a rating level 3.0 or above <u>and</u> whose primary language of work and education was not in English; OR 2. One of more Communication competencies at a rating level below 3.0 <u>and</u> whose primary language of work and education was in English.
<u>Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Online</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet minimum level of 70 or above. • If you have previously completed this test, you may submit results if the result has not yet expired at the time of receipt. • IMPORTANT: If CAEL or IELTS is assigned, an Applicant cannot complete the Duolingo English test in lieu.
<u>IELTS (Academic)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet minimum level of 7.0 or above • If you have previously completed this test, you may submit results if the result has not yet expired at the time of receipt. • IMPORTANT: If CAEL or IELTS is assigned, an Applicant cannot complete the Duolingo English test in lieu. Note that only the IELTS <u>Academic</u> test is accepted (not the General Training version).

The testing options are intended to provide objectivity, fairness, and consistency to assess English language competency. Under exceptional circumstances, the Credentials Committee may reserve the ability to assign any of the approved English language tests even if the applicant appears to have met the requirement if there is strong justification or concern regarding an applicant's current ability to communicate that directly or indirectly impacts public safety (e.g., assessor comments, validator comments or correspondence with staff indicate issues with language ability).

In the case that the Duolingo English test is assigned to an applicant, the applicant may elect to take the CAEL Online or IELTS tests in lieu. However, if the applicant is assigned the CAEL Online or IELTS tests, the Duolingo English test cannot be used to satisfy the requirement in lieu.

USEFUL LINKS

- Duolingo English Test: <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants>
- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Online: <https://www.cael.ca/take-cael/overview/online/>
- IELTS Academic: <https://www.ielts.org/for-test-takers/test-format>