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NOTICE OF CHANGE:

Revisions to the National Professional Practice Exam (NPPE) and Assessment of English Language Competence

The November 2022 session (November 7 to 9, 2022) will be the final session in which the NPPE examination will include an essay component. Starting from January 2023, English language competence for practice will be assessed primarily through Communication competencies and if required, an approved English language test. For additional information on English language assessment and testing, refer to [Assessment of English Language Competence](#) (PDF).

Please note that Engineers and Geoscientists BC is not removing the English language competency requirement from the registration process. English language competency for practice will be assessed primarily through the *Communication* competencies during your experience assessment. Applicants that do not meet the English language criteria may be assigned an approved English language test (refer to [Assessment of English Language Competence](#) for further detail).

If you have previously attempted the NPPE and have an uncleared failed essay attempt:

You will have one opportunity to attempt the essay by April 2023. If your re-attempt is unsuccessful, you will be assigned the [Duolingo English Test](#) (minimum score of 130-135 required). Exam candidates who do not re-attempt the essay by the April 2023 session will automatically be assigned the Duolingo English Test.

If you have not previously attempted the NPPE and do not want to complete the essay component, we recommend registering for the NPPE from January 2023 onwards. If you are already registered for the November 2022 session, you may defer your exam to a future session. Note that opting for this, your English language competence will be assessed using the new approach.

If you have any questions on the changes, please email nppe@egbc.ca.

Useful resources:

[Professional Practice Examinations \(egbc.ca\)](#)

[Engineer First Time Applying in Canada \(egbc.ca\)](#)

[Geoscientist First Time Applying in Canada \(egbc.ca\)](#)

[How to Apply for Professional Licensee \(egbc.ca\)](#)