

## Language Proficiency Requirement

English is the language of contracts in Saskatchewan and the language of instruction for real estate education in the province. In order to ensure that registrants are competent to satisfactorily communicate in English with other registrants and consumers, the Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission has instituted a Language Proficiency Requirement.

All students will be required to satisfy the Language Proficiency Requirement before they can register for an examination required for any of the Commission mandated educational courses. The Language Proficiency Requirement can be satisfied by obtaining a Level 4 or higher in all skill areas on the Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) General Test or by qualifying for an exemption. Exemptions are under the sole jurisdiction of the Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission and are subject to change at any time.

Exemption from the Language Proficiency Index requirement is available to applicants who:

1. Have graduated from a high school in Canada or the United States and have completed Grade 12 Language Arts or its equivalent. **OR**
2. For Quebec residents, have completed **four (4)** courses in English as a First Language at a *Collèges d'enseignement général et professionnel* if a program was completed after 1996. Prior to 1996, **two (2)** courses are acceptable. A high school diploma completed prior to the 1977 Charter of the French Language verifying the school was English speaking is also acceptable. **OR**
3. Have obtained their high school equivalency in a school/institution at which English is recognized as the primary language of instruction. (This would include successful completion of General Education Diploma (GED) or successful completion of Advanced "A" level examinations of English in the United Kingdom.) **OR**
4. Have graduated from a recognized degree (see note i) program at an accredited (see note ii) university, college or technical institute at which English is the primary language of instruction. **OR**
5. Have successfully completed a three-credit course in English composition or English literature at an accredited (see note ii) university, college or technical institute at which English is the primary language of instruction. **OR**
6. Who are currently licensed, qualified to be licensed or who have been unlicensed for less than two (2) years in another Canadian jurisdiction and have satisfied that jurisdiction's language requirements.

## Additional Information

- The easiest and most efficient way to satisfy the language proficiency requirement is to provide a high school transcript. If you completed high school in Saskatchewan, information on how to obtain your high school transcript can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/transcripts> or by calling (306) 787-9525.
- Exemptions based on experience will not be considered.
- Courses provided in a language other than English, or in an English as a Second Language (ESL) or equivalent setting, do not satisfy the credit course exemption requirement.
- More information about the **Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) General Test** can be found on the CELPIP website: <http://www.celpiptest.ca/about-celpip-g/association-saskatchewan-realtors/>.

## Notes

- i) A Diploma or Certificate from a technical institute or College is not considered equivalent to a degree. Individuals who entered College or Technical school with a high school diploma should present their high school transcripts to satisfy the requirement.
- ii) Individuals who successfully completed an English language or literature course as detailed in exemption 5. above may satisfy the requirement by providing their college or technical institute transcript.
- iii) An accredited university, college or technical institute shall meet the following criteria:
  - **For US Institutions** - a US college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency (for example, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools).
  - **For International Institutions** - an institution outside of Canada and the United States that is recognized by the country's ministry in charge of higher education or the official regulating body.
- iv) International students are advised to complete the CELPIP General test. However you may choose to have your credentials assessed by the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS). IQAS reports should be sent directly to the Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS® 2811 Estey Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7J 3N1. See the IQAS website <http://work.alberta.ca/Immigration/apply.html> for further details. The report must state clearly English as the only language of instruction and the degree must be found to be equivalent to a degree in Canada.

### **Sending Transcripts and Documentation**

Students must provide Official/Certified True Copies of transcripts from the educating institution. Please note that Language Proficiency documents will not be returned. Therefore, students wishing to keep original documentation will need to send notarized copies of the original documents.

If your current name does not match the name on the transcript, you must submit proof of your name change to the Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS®, showing both the name on your transcript and your current name. The Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS® will accept a copy of a marriage certificate or copies of two of the following: birth certificate, SIN card, passport, citizenship card or divorce certificate. If the above documentation is not available, you may submit a letter from a notary public.

All transcripts and change of name documentation (if applicable) for Language Proficiency exemptions should be sent to the Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS® by mail or courier:

Chasidy Bateman, Learning Advisor  
Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS®  
2811 Estey Drive  
Saskatoon, SK  
S7J 2V8  
306-373-3350 ext. 4  
(toll free: 1-877-306-7732 ext. 4)

For further information/clarification please e-mail [education@saskatchewanrealestate.com](mailto:education@saskatchewanrealestate.com).

All students must include a current e-mail address so the Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS® can contact you if necessary.