

Evidence of English-Language Proficiency

1. Evidence of English-language proficiency taken and passed within the last two (2) years if applying for a license by exam. The test can be within two (2) years of your initial licensure date in another US state or territory if applying for a license by endorsement. We do not accept any “at home” or “remote” tests. The following tests administered in a professional test center are accepted:
 1. Test of English as a Foreign Language IBT (TOEFL) www.toefl.org with a passing score of 540 on the paper examination or a passing score of 83 and Speaking Score of 26 for the internet-based examination. We do not accept **MyBest™ scores nor the TOEFL Essentials Test.**
 2. Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) Public www.toeic.com with a passing score of 900 in the Listening and Reading modules, 180 in Speaking and 170 in Writing.
 3. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) www.ielts.org with an overall passing score in the academic module of 6.5 and the Speaking score of 7. We do not accept IELTS Online.
 4. Michigan English Test (MET) with an Overall Passing Score of 58 and Speaking Score of 59. The at-home or remote exam is not accepted. Applicants should share their MET results with the Missouri Board of Nursing on the MET customer portal
 5. Occupational English Test (OET) with a Reading, Writing and Listening Score of 300 and Speaking Score of 350. The entire test must be taken at a test center. We will not accept the Speaking test via Zoom.
 6. Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic (<https://www.pearsonpte.com>) with a minimum overall score of 56, and a Speaking score of 66. Only test center results are accepted.

The minimum score might be changed between the time you apply and your application is evaluated. Your application will be evaluated against the required minimum score at the time your application is ready to be approved.

The score reports must come directly from the test service. We do not accept them from the applicant. The test service may email the results to nursing@pr.mo.gov or the credentials evaluation agency can provide the results in their evaluation report or in a supplemental report. If the credentials evaluation agency is TruMerit (CGFNS) you will need to purchase the English Language Proficiency Report which will be included with your CES Professional Report.

The following countries are exempt from the ELP requirement.

- Australia
- Barbados
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- Trinidad/Tobago
- United Kingdom
- United States (except Puerto Rico)