

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**

**Licensure Policy 06-01**

<b>Title</b>	Board-designated Tests of English Proficiency and Required Minimum Cut Scores
<b>Purpose</b>	The Board of Registration in Nursing adopts this policy to identify those tests of English proficiency and their corresponding minimum cut score that the Board has designated as acceptable in fulfilling compliance with regulations 244 CMR 8.02(1)( c), 8.03(1)( c), 8.04(1)( c) and 8.04(2)(d).
<b>Date Adopted/ Revised</b>	September 13, 2006; July 13, 2011 (Reviewed); November 9, 2011 (Revised); December 14, 2011 (Corrected); November 12, 2014 (Revised)
<b>Policy</b>	<p>The Board of Registration in Nursing has designated the following tests of English proficiency as acceptable in fulfilling compliance with regulations 244 CMR 8.02(1)(c) 8.03(1)(c), 8.04(1)(c) and 8.04(2)(d):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Required minimum score <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paper administration: 560</li> <li>▪ Computer-based: 220</li> <li>▪ Internet-based: 83</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) Qualifying Examination Certificate issued before 7/15/98.</li> <li>• Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic): Overall passing standard of 55 with no individual section below 50</li> <li>• International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Overall Band Score 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 all modules</li> <li>• Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaking CLB 8    Listening CLB 9</li> <li>Reading CLB 8    Writing CLB 7</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB): Total passing score of 81 and a speaking section score of 3</li> </ul>