

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM UPDATE

How You Can Prove Your Language Ability in English and Receive More Points!

Your language ability points are calculated according to the documented proof of training and ability in English and/or French which you include with your application. This documentation can include copies of internationally recognized test results, certificates from language classes, educational transcripts or employment references indicating English or French as the principal language of instruction or communication.

If your first language is not English or French and you are not currently studying or working in Canada, the MPNP strongly encourages you to submit internationally recognized test results with your application. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is a widely available test of English language ability offered by the British Council in many countries around the world: <http://www.ielts.org/>

If you include a copy of your IELTS test results with your application, you may receive a stronger assessment by the MPNP. For example, the MPNP will accept a verified IELTS score of '5' as meeting the eligibility criteria for language under the Family Support priority stream. Verified IELTS test results may also help your language score in the MPNP General Stream. Here are the MPNP points you will receive for language in the General Stream based on your verified IELTS results:

MPNP LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT WITH AND WITHOUT IELTS TEST RESULTS

IELTS Score	IELTS Description	MPNP Score With IELTS*
9	Expert user Has fully operational command of the language: appropriate, accurate and fluent with complete understanding.	12
8	Very good user Has fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriacies. Misunderstandings may occur in unfamiliar situations. Handles complex detailed argumentation well.	12
7	Good user Has operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally handles complex language well and understands detailed reasoning.	10
6	Competent user Has generally effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings. Can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.	8
5	Modest user Has partial command of the language, coping with overall meaning in most situations, though is likely to make many mistakes. Should be able to handle basic communication in own field.	6
4	Limited user Basic competence is limited to familiar situations. Has frequent problems in understanding and expression. Is not able to use complex language.	4
3	Extremely limited user Conveys and understands only general meaning in very familiar situations. Frequent breakdowns in communication occur.	3
2	Intermittent user No real communication is possible except for the most basic information using isolated words or short formulae in familiar situations and to meet immediate needs. Has great difficulty understanding spoken and written English.	2
1	Non user Essentially has no ability to use the language beyond possibly a few isolated words.	1

*Applicants who do not provide IELTS test results will be assessed according to standard MPNP Language Assessment criteria as described in our application guidelines.