Language Proficiency Requirements Guide Updates February 20, 2025

To: *All certified private training institutions, and new certification applicants*

I am writing to provide some important updates from the Private Training Institutions Regulatory Unit (PTIRU) of the System Integrity Branch.

**Language Proficiency Guide**

In response to feedback received from the sector, PTIRU's **Language Proficiency Guide** has been updated to provide additional information and clarification around:

- Language assessment options for domestic students, including mature students.
- PTIRU's expectations for language pathways/articulation agreements.
- PTIRU's review criteria for including a standardized language test as part of the LPR guide.

Tests that are not broadly utilized by both public and private BC post-secondary institutions are not included in the PTIRU list of standardized English language tests/assessments**.**

**The following tests have been reviewed, have not been approved and will therefore not be included on PTIRU's list of standardized English language tests/assessments at this time: Versant, Vital English, Wonderlic, EduSynch, TOEIC, and Tracktest.**

Institutions seeking to use a language proficiency requirement that is not on the list of approved options (including language tests), must submit an **LPR Assessment Form** and receive approval from PTIRU before adopting the proposed requirement. The Registrar will consider these proposals on a program-by-program basis.

In the coming weeks PTIRU will write to all institutions to outline the process for submitting current program outlines for all their programs, and for confirming additional program details, to ensure they are compliant with the *Private Training Regulation* requirements, including PTIRU's language proficiency requirements. **Please hold off on submitting program change applications at this time if the only change applied for is a change to the LPR.** We will provide direction once we have reviewed your program outline(s) and your response to our request for additional program details.

Applications for new programs or programs changes accompanied by exception requests to the established LPRs will inherently take longer to be reviewed by PTIRU. Requests for exemptions for publicly-funded programs will be expedited. Be sure to note in the subject line and body of the email that the application is for a publicly-funded program, and include a completed LPR Assessment Form with the application.

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