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### UPDATED TOEFL EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

Effective February 1, 2017, FCCPT will update its requirements for the TOEFL exemption to reflect the changes in the first professional degree in the United States, while remaining consistent with federal regulations.

Passing TOEFL scores are required for all [Type 1 Review](#) applicants, including [Reactivations](#), and [Type 1 Renewals](#), unless you meet the waiver requirements. If you completed a Type 1 Review prior to February 1, 2017 and the TOEFL requirements were waived, they will be waived on a subsequent Re-evaluation.

The updated exemptions to the requirement to take and pass the TOEFL exam are summarized below:

- If you have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from any of the following countries:
  - United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada (except Quebec), OR
- If you have been awarded a Master's degree, or a post-professional degree (including the transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy [t-DPT]) that has a minimum of 30 U.S. semester credits, from any of the countries listed above; OR
- If you are a graduate of a CAPTE-accredited physical therapist education program

The updated exemption requirements will apply to all TOEFL waivers beginning February 1, 2017.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

California has *no* exemptions for TOEFL. All graduates whose first degree in PT was not completed in the United States *must* take the TOEFL exam if seeking licensure in California.

For more information on TOEFL Requirements, visit the [FCCPT Website](#).