

The SLE may be given in the following situations:

- bilingualism bonus;
- before or after language training;
- record purposes;
- return to headquarters from a posting if the validity period has expired.

### **Exemption from having to take the SLE**

The Public Service Commission may exempt you from second official language assessment for an indeterminate period, if you have acquired a high degree of proficiency in your second official language.

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## **14. Access to Basic Language Training**

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You are eligible to take basic language training, if you meet the following criteria:

- a) You must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Public Service Commission that you possess the aptitude to learn your second official language within the maximum allowable period for language training;
- b) You must not have previously been trained successfully to an equivalent or higher level, failed in previous training, or have withdrawn or been withdrawn without cause.

As a general rule if you meet the above criteria, you may take language training during working hours, at governmental expense.