

successfully completing the Language Knowledge Examination (LKE). If you have been accorded an exemption from second official language assessment by the Public Service Commission, no confirmation is required.

Abroad

You remain eligible for payment of the bonus, as your LKE results remain valid for the duration of your assignment outside of Canada.

13. Language Knowledge Examination

The Language Knowledge Examination (LKE) is an instrument used for the assessment of your level of competency in your second official language. It is composed of four parts: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Proficiency levels are:

- Level A – minimum
- Level B – intermediate
- Level C – maximum

Level B in all four skills is the minimum level required for members of the Foreign Service who are to be bilingual.

The LKE may be given in the following situations:

- bilingualism bonus confirmation
- record purposes
- return to headquarters from a posting.

Validity of Examination Results

As a general rule, LKE results for levels A and B are valid for one calendar year and level C is valid for two years. However, if you have not received any language training at public expense since January 1, 1974, your test results may remain valid for three years from the date of your test **for promotion purposes only.**