
18. Second Language Evaluation

The Second Language Evaluation (SLE) is an instrument used for the assessment of your level of competency in your second official language. It consists of three parts: reading, writing, and oral interaction.

The SLE may be given in the following situations:

- imperative staffing;
- non-imperative staffing;
- following full-time language training;
- following part-time language training;
- bilingualism bonus;
- record purposes.

Validity of Evaluation Results

Second Language Evaluation results are not valid indefinitely (apart from exemptions). Effective April 1, 1993, the Public Service Commission has announced the following changes (for persons having valid test results as of April 1, 1993):

- those with a three-year validity period will receive an extension of two years; and
- those who remain in the same position will be granted an indeterminate validity period.

If you have been accorded an exemption from having to take language tests by the Public Service Commission, your results are valid for an indeterminate period.