Translation of the IBCLC Examination into a New Language Policy
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The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners® is an international organisation and is committed to making the expertise of IBCLCs available around the globe. The intent of this policy is to foster the successful establishment of the IBCLC credential by translating the examination into a new language.

The translation process requires intensive human and financial resources. IBLCE will consider translating the examination into a new language when the following items have been submitted and these criteria have been met:

• A description of the reasoning behind the request, including information on the breastfeeding environment in the area(s) to be served by the new examination translation;
• Documentation of a minimum number of 10 current IBCLCs who are fluent in the language requested;
• Documentation of the availability to the language group of pre-examination educational materials, courses and instruction;
• Documentation of a plan for continuing education;
• The number of candidates who are working towards completion of examination eligibility

An application, including payment, submitted by a minimum of 20 candidates at least 18 months prior to the desired date of the examination.

In order to sit the examination, candidates must complete all eligibility requirements by the examination deadline.

Further information will be provided by the regional locations.