



Translation of the IBCLC Examination into a 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 language.

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

1. A description of the reasoning behind the request, including information on the breastfeeding environment in the area(s) to be served by the examination translation;
2. Documentation of the availability to the language group of pre-examination educational materials, courses, and instruction;
3. Documentation of a plan for continuing education;
4. The annual number of initial candidates who are working towards completion of examination eligibility must equal or exceed the break-even point.

Information on the break-even point (i.e. the minimum volume of initial candidates) is available from the regional contacts.

An application, including payment, must be submitted by the minimum number of candidates at least 18 months prior to the desired date of the examination administration. To sit the examination, candidates must complete all eligibility requirements by the examination deadline.

Further information will be provided by the regions.

Discontinuing an IBCLC Language for Examination Administration

Based on financial analysis and Board decision, the break-even point of all languages currently translated will be evaluated every five years thereafter. Languages that do not meet the break-even point will no longer be translated for examination administrations. IBLCE will announce the discontinuation 18 to 24 months in advance.