

WHAT MUST I DO TO DEMONSTRATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY?

If you are applying for the Bachelor of Nursing, you must demonstrate your English language competency in one of the following ways:

1. English is your primary language and:

- a. you have attended and satisfactorily completed **at least six years of primary and secondary education** taught and assessed solely in English in a **recognised country**, including at least two years between years 7 and 12, **and**
- b. your tertiary qualification in the relevant professional discipline, which you are relying on to support your eligibility for registration under the **National Law** was taught and assessed solely in English in a **recognised country** and:
 - i. in the case of a registered nurse and/ or midwife, you must provide evidence of having successfully completed at least a two (2) years full-time equivalent pre-registration program of study approved by the recognised nursing and/or midwifery regulatory body in a **recognised country**.
 - ii. in the case of an enrolled nurse, you must provide evidence of having successfully completed at least a one year full-time equivalent pre-registration program of study approved by the recognised nursing and/or midwifery regulatory body in a **recognised country**.

2. Enrolled Nurse, Registered nurses and midwives

If you are applying for registration as a registered nurse and/or midwife, you must provide evidence that you have successfully completed **at least five (5) years (full-time equivalent) continuous education** taught and assessed solely in English, in a **recognised country**, which includes tertiary qualifications in the relevant professional discipline which you are relying on to support your eligibility for registration under the National Law.

The Board will only accept the **successful completion of five (5) years (full-time equivalent) of continuous education** that is a combination of:

- a. tertiary and secondary education taught and assessed in English; or
- b. tertiary and vocational education taught and assessed in English; or
- c. combined tertiary, secondary and vocational education taught and assessed in English; or

- d. tertiary education taught and assessed in English.

The last period of education must have been completed no more than five years prior to applying for registration in Australia.

3. You achieve the required minimum scores in one of the following English language tests and meet the requirements for test results specified in this standard:

- a. Cambridge (C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency)
- b. International English Language Testing System (Academic) (IELTS)
- c. Occupational English Test (OET)
- d. Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)
- e. Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFL iBT)

Test	Overall score needed	Component scores needed	Test results accepted from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one test sitting, or a maximum of two test sittings in a 12-month period only if:
Cambridge (C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency) (Paper and computer at test centre only)	Minimum score of 185	Minimum overall score of 185 in each of the three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listening reading speaking and minimum score of 176 in the one component of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you are tested in all four components in each sitting you achieve a minimum score of 185 in each component for listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 176 for writing across the two sittings, and when using two test sittings no score in any component of the test(s) for either test sitting is below 176.
IELTS (Academic-paper and computer at test centre only)	Overall score of 7	Minimum score of 7 in each of the three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listening reading, and speaking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you achieve a minimum overall score of 7 in each sitting, and you achieve a minimum score of 7 in each component for listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 6.5 for writing across the two sittings, and

		and minimum score of 6.5 in the one component: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> when using two test sittings no score in any component of the test(s) for either test sitting is below 6.5.
OET (on paper or computer based in testing centre) (any profession specific OET test can be accepted)		Minimum score of B in each of the three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listening reading speaking and minimum score of C+ in the one component: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you are tested in all four components in each sitting, and you achieve a minimum score of B in each component for listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of C+ for writing across the two sittings, and when using two test sittings no score in any component of the test(s) for either test sitting is below C+.
PTE Academic (computer at test centre only)	Minimum overall score of 66	Minimum score of 66 in each of the three communicative skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listening reading speaking and minimum score of 56 in one communicative skill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a minimum overall score of 66 is achieved in each sitting, and you achieve a minimum score of 66 in each of the communicative skills of listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 56 in writing across the two sittings, and when using two test sittings no score in any of the communicative skills for either test sitting is below 56.

NOTE: We will only accept test results from:

- one test sitting, or
- a maximum of two test sittings in a 12-month period

and only if the requirements for test results, such as when the test must be taken, type/modality of test and the required minimum scores, specified in the standard above and are met as set out in this standard.