

HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing - English Standard Requirement

Students admitted to ANMAC accredited Diploma of Nursing programs whose primary language is English must sign a declaration, provided by TasTAFE to state they meet the requirement below, refer point 1.

All other students must provide either evidence to support point 3 or a valid English language test result as stated in point 4, specific details provided below.

The NMBA Registration Standard for English Language Skills

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. N/A - Register Nurses and midwives
3. Enrolled Nurses: If you are applying for registration as an enrolled nurse, 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 vocational 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) continuous education that is a combination of:

- a) vocational 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.

OR

4. 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:

1. Cambridge (C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency)
2. International English Language Testing System (Academic) (IELTS)
3. Occupational English Test (OET)
4. Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)
5. Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFL iBT)
6. Other English language tests approved by the National Boards from time to time and published on the Board's website with the required minimum scores. National Boards reserve the right at any time to revoke their approval of an English language test.

NOTE: We will only accept test results from:

- i. one test sitting, or
- ii. 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 this standard are met as set out in the standard.

Test - Overall score needed:

Cambridge C1 Advanced (Paper and computer at test centre only)

Overall score of 178

Component Scores needed:

- listening: 175
- reading: 179
- writing: 180
- speaking: 194

Cambridge C2 Proficiency (Paper and computer at test centre only)

Overall score of 185

Component Scores needed:

- listening: 185
- reading: 185
- writing: 176
- speaking: 185

IELTS

Overall score of 7

Component Scores needed:

- listening: 7
- reading: 7
- writing: 6.5
- speaking: 7

OET (On paper or computer based in testing centre) (Any profession-specific OET test can be accepted)

Component Scores needed:

- listening: 350
- reading: 360

- writing: 350
- speaking: 360

PTE Academic

Overall score of 63

Component Scores needed:

- listening: 58
- reading: 59
- speaking: 76
- writing: 60

TOEFL iBT

Overall score of 91

Component Scores needed:

- listening: 22
- reading: 22
- speaking: 24
- writing: 23

Recognised country means one of the following countries or territories:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Anguilla
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- Falkland Islands
- Gibraltar
- Grenada
- Guernsey
- Guyana
- Isle of Man
- Jamaica
- Jersey
- Malta

- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- US Virgin Islands.

Documents referenced:

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2. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Registration Standard: English Language Skills (2025): <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/documents/default.aspx?record=WD24%2f34379&dbid=AP&chksum=7XIS%2fQC h6z21A%2frsD5vd8g%3d%3d>
3. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Registration Standard: Transition arrangements policy: Changes to minimum scores for accepted English tests (2026) https://www.ahpra.gov.au/documents/default.aspx?record=WD26%2f36008&dbid=AP&chksum=aqaKtBlwcUIH9Xp8zF7OwQ%3d%3d&_gl=1*13vq989*_ga*MTEzNjUyNTg4LjE3NDU5NzExMTg.*_ga_F1G6LRCHZB*c zE3NzY5MDA3MDIkbzMyJGcxJHQ xNzc2OTAwNzU0JGo4JGwwJGgw