

Higher Education English Language Skills Acknowledgment - Nursing Factsheet



English Language Skills Requirements

To be considered eligible for the Bachelor of Nursing, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) accreditation requires that you have met the English Language requirements of the ANMAC Accreditation Standards leading to initial registration with [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#) (NMBA).

These requirements include a written declaration that English is your primary language and/or evidence of achievement of the minimum [English language test](#) result as specified as specified in the NMBA English language skills registration standard. The declaration for your English Language Skills requirements and relevant evidence is part of your online application for admission into the course.

How do I meet the English Language Skills Requirements?

The NMBA requires all applicants to demonstrate English language skills. This can be achieved as follows:

1. Providing a written declaration that English is your primary language or
2. Providing evidence that you have achieved the minimum English language test results as specified in the [NMBA](#) English language skills registration standard.

Primary language pathway

Means that 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. Recognised Countries are: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America.

English language test pathway

Means that you achieved the required minimum scores in one of the following English language tests, and meet the requirements for test results specified in the [NMBA](#) minimum requirements as specified in the English language skills. Formal English language tests are listed below, with their required outcome:

English Test	Overall	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
IELTS Academic <i>If using from 2 tests taken within a 6-month period (from date of first test): no single component is less than 6.5.</i>	7	7	7	7	7
Occupational English Test (Nursing Profession) <i>If using from 2 tests taken within a 6-month period (from date of first test): no score in any component is below C</i>	--	B	B	B	B
Pearson PTE (Academic) <i>If using from 2 tests taken within a 6-month period (from date of first test): no score in any of the communicative skills is below 58</i>	65	65	65	65	65
TOEFL IBT <i>If using from 2 tests taken within a 6-month period (from date of first test): no score in any of the sections is less than 20 for listening / 19 for reading / 24 for writing, and 20 for speaking</i>	94	24	24	27	23

Note: Test results will be accepted if they were obtained within the two years before the date you lodge your application.

NOTE: If you are an existing NMBA EN with a Diploma of Nursing qualification from an accredited provider, you will have to provide evidence of AHPRA registration in your application and upon enrolment. Current AHPRA registration meets the English language requirement for the Bachelor of Nursing. *ENs with notations or conditions on their AHPRA registration will be individually assessed for eligibility for EN admission or exemptions.*