

## Policy: Examination re-sits

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## Purpose

This document sets out the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (the Board) policy on examination re-sits by internationally qualified nursing and midwifery examination candidates (candidates) who fail multiple choice question (MCQ) examinations or objective structured clinical examinations (OSCE) undertaken as part of the outcomes-based assessment (OBA) pathway.

## Scope

This policy applies to all candidates who fail an MCQ examination or OSCE undertaken as part of the OBA pathway.

This document includes information on:

- any minimum period a candidate must wait before re-sitting an examination
- the items or stations that must be completed during an examination re-sit, and
- results of examination re-sits

## Policy

All candidates who fail an MCQ examination or OSCE undertaken as part of the OBA pathway may apply to re-sit the examination, subject to any limit on the number of examination re-sits permitted each calendar year and any minimum period a candidate must wait before re-sitting an examination under this policy.

The Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Committee (Assessment of overseas qualified nurses and midwives) (NMAC), established by the Board, oversees the OBA pathway. The NMAC will monitor examination re-sits and make recommendations and/or give advice to the board on this policy and associated matters.

### Multiple choice question (MCQ) examination

Candidates who fail an MCQ examination must wait at least 45 calendar days from the date of the result communication before re-sitting the MCQ examination for the same division or profession.

### Objective structured clinical examination (OSCE)

Candidates who fail an OSCE must wait at least 45 calendar days from the date of the result communication to re-sit the OSCE examination for the same division or profession.

### Item and station requirements

When a candidate re-sits any examination, they must complete the entire examination, not only the item(s) or station(s) they failed on their previous attempt(s).

### Results of examination re-sits

A candidate's result from a previous MCQ examination or OSCE undertaken as part of the OBA pathway will not be considered when determining that candidate's result for any examination re-sits.

## Associated documents

[NCLEX-RN MCQ Examination - Candidate Handbook](#)

[RN OSCE Examination - Candidate Handbook](#)

[Midwives MCQ Examination - Candidate Handbook](#)

[Midwives OSCE Examination - Candidate Handbook](#)

[Enrolled nurse MCQ Examination - Candidate Handbook](#)

[Enrolled nurse OSCE Examination - Candidate Handbook](#)

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