English language skills pathways
All professions except Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice and nursing and midwifery

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The English Language Standard has four pathways that you can use to demonstrate English language competence.

Use this diagram to determine which pathway is best for you.

Primary language means the language you primarily use and the language that you know best and are most comfortable with.

Recognised countries include: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America. With the exception of South Africa, these countries are recognised by the Department of Home Affairs for the purposes of exempting applicants from having to sit a test to demonstrate English language skills. More information about recognised countries and the English language skills registration standard can be found on each Board website, accessible via the Registration Standards page.

Was your relevant health qualification or training taught and assessed in English?

Yes  No

Was your relevant health qualification or training obtained in one of the recognised countries?

Yes

Was at least two years of your secondary education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries?

Yes  No

Have you completed at least six years (full time equivalent) continuous education, including your relevant health qualification or training, taught and assessed solely in English in one of the recognised countries?

Yes  No

You meet the standard through the combined secondary and qualifications or training pathway.

This will be the pathway for most local applicants.

You meet the standard through the extended education pathway.

You meet the standard through the primary language pathway.

You will need to take an English language test to demonstrate that you meet the standard through the English language test pathway.

Is English your primary language?

Yes  No

Was all of your primary and secondary education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries?

Yes  No