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In Summary,

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The total of seven in each band must be achieved within 12 months of first sitting the test

b) pass the Occupational English Test (OET) with a score of at least B in each section.

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C) successfully completing within two years prior to the date of application, a minimum of four semesters on-campus study at an on-shore Australian university, with a full-time nursing /midwifery academic load. This study may encompass a maximum of two courses.

D) all internationally qualified nurses, including those from English speaking countries, will be required to complete an English language assessment prior to applying for registration.

<http://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/reg.html#English>

As from 1 January 2009 all internationally qualified nurses, including those from English speaking countries, will be required to complete an English language assessment for New Zealand nursing registration, with the exception of applicants from Australia, who are exempt from being required to successfully complete an English language assessment under the Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997.

<http://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/Checklist,%20forms%20for%20applicants%20March2009>.

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<http://www.nmb.nsw.gov.au/default.aspx?ArticleID=350>

English Language Requirements for Applicants Educated to the Standard for Registration or Enrolment as Nurses or Midwives in Australia

[Section 31 of the Nurses and Midwives Act](#) directs that a person is not entitled to be registered or enrolled unless she/he proves to the satisfaction of the Board that she/he has a knowledge of the English language adequate for the practice of nursing or midwifery, as applicable.

Language is an essential component of safe practice and the Board considers that the standard, which it has identified, is necessary for protection of the public.

Any applicant for registration or enrolment may be required to undertake an English language test.

The following applies to applicants who have been educated as nurses or midwives in Australia.

Adequacy of English language for nursing or midwifery practice may be demonstrated by submission of evidence of one of the following:

1. Completion of the NSW Higher School Certificate examination and attainment of a grade of Band 4 or higher in English (Standard, Advanced or Extension).

OR

2. Completion of secondary school elsewhere in Australia and achievement in school examinations at a standard accepted by the Board as equivalent to the New South Wales standard.

OR

3. **Evidence of completion of at least two years full-time or full-time equivalent secondary, vocational or higher education in Australia
AND**

Certification by the senior nurse or midwife academic (i.e. Dean, Head of School or Head Teacher) at the Australian education institution, recognised by the Board and where a nursing or midwifery course was undertaken, that *"the applicant for registration/enrolment has been assessed clinically, and in that clinical assessment has demonstrated a knowledge of English language adequate for nursing practice or midwifery practice (as applicable)"*.

OR

4. Previous registration or enrolment as a nurse or midwife in New South Wales.

OR

5. Achievement, within the two year period prior to application, of a minimum of 7 on each band (reading, writing, speaking and listening) in the [*International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\)*](#) **academic** modules**.

OR

6. Achievement, within the two year period prior to application, of a pass at "B" level in each of the four components (reading, writing, listening and speaking) of the [*Occupational English Test \(OET\) for Nurses*](#) .

Alex Kaifeng Shu
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