The NMBA English language skills registration standard lists pathways that you can use to demonstrate English language competence. This diagram is a guide for you to determine which pathway is best for you.

You will need to make an application for registration and provide the evidence of which pathway you meet. Your application will be assessed against the evidence you provide.

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_Registered nurses and midwives_

**Was your nursing or midwifery qualification taught and assessed in English?**

- Y
- N

**Is English your primary language?**

- Y
- N

**Did you satisfactorily complete at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries, including at least two years between years 7 and 12?**

- Y
- N

**Have you completed at least five years continuous (full time equivalent) combined secondary and/or tertiary and/or vocational education taught and assessed solely in English, in one of the recognised countries?**

- Y
- N

**Did you complete at least two years of a full-time equivalent approved pre-registration program of study in one of the recognised countries?**

- Y
- N

**Did you complete at least one year of a full-time equivalent approved pre-registration program of study in one of the recognised countries?**

- Y
- N

You can apply to demonstrate 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**.

You can apply to demonstrate you meet the standard through the **extended education pathway**.

**Recognised countries** means the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, UK and USA. 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 the Board’s [Registration Standards](#) page.

Approved pre-registration program of study means a program of study approved by the recognised nursing and/or midwifery regulatory body in a recognised country.