English language skills registration standard pathways

Nursing and midwifery



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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.

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

Recognised countries means the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, UK and USA.

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.

