

Minimum scores and requirements for English Language tests taken on or before 22 April 2026

English Proficiency

Applicants must meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) English Language Registration Standard:

- Primary Language Pathway - Complete a declaration to declare English as their primary language, OR
- English Language Test Pathway - Provide test result reports for one of the following tests taken within the 2 years prior to completing an application (English Language test scores below apply from April 2025 for tests taken on or before 22 April 2026):
 - Cambridge (C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency): Minimum overall score of 185 **and** a minimum score of 185 in each of the listening, reading and speaking components, and a minimum score of 176 in writing
 - IELTS Academic: Overall score of at least 7 **and** a minimum score of 7 in each of the listening, reading and speaking components, and a minimum score of 6.5 in writing
 - PTE Academic: Minimum overall score of at least 66 **and** a minimum score of 66 in each of the listening, reading and speaking components, and a minimum score of 56 in writing
 - OET: Minimum score of B in each of the listening, reading and speaking components, and a minimum score of C+ in writing
 - TOEFL iBT: Minimum Overall score of 94 **and** a minimum score of 24 in each of the listening, reading and writing components and a minimum score of 23 in speaking

Further details can be found at the following links:

[Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia – Fact sheet: English language skills registration standard \(nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au\)](https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)

[Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia – Registration standard: English language skills \(2025\)](#)

Acceptable English Proficiency Test Results*

The above results can be from one test sitting, or a maximum of two test sittings in a 12-month period only if:

- Cambridge (C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency):
 - you are tested in all four components in each sitting
 - you achieve a minimum score of 185 in each component for listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 176 for writing across the two sittings, and
 - when using two test sittings, no score in any component of the test(s) for either test sitting is below 176
- IELTS Academic:
 - you achieve a minimum overall score of 7 in each sitting, and
 - you achieve a minimum score of 7 in each component for listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 6.5 for writing across the two sittings, and
 - when using two test sittings, no score in any component of the test(s) for either test sitting is below 6.5
- PTE Academic:
 - a minimum overall score of 66 is achieved in each sitting, and
 - you achieve a minimum score of 66 in each of the communicative skills of listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 56 in writing across the two sittings, and
 - when using two test sittings, no score in any of the communicative skills for either test sitting is below 56
- OET:
 - you are tested in all four components in each sitting, and
 - you achieve a minimum score of B in each component for listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of C+ for writing across the two sittings, and
 - when using two test sittings, no score in any component of the test(s) for either test sitting is below C+.
- TOEFL iBT:
 - a minimum total score of 94 is achieved in each sitting, and
 - you achieve a minimum score of 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 24 for writing and 23 for speaking across the two sittings, and
 - when using two test sittings, no score in any of the sections here is below: 20 for listening, 19 for reading, 24 for writing, and 20 for speaking

* English Language test scores detailed here apply from April 2025 for tests taken on or before 22 April 2026. If you are providing test results from two sittings, you may provide results of any two tests taken within a 12-month period from one provider only. **Results cannot be combined from different test providers**