English language skills pathways

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All professions except nursing and midwifery

Introduction

The English Language Standard has four pathways through which applicants can demonstrate English language competence. Use this diagram to determine which pathway is most appropriate for you.

Definitions

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.

Flowchart

Top of the flowchart begins Q: “Was your relevant health qualification taught and assessed in English?”

1. If “Yes” then Q: Was your relevant health qualification obtained in one of the recognised countries?
   1. If “Yes” then Q: Were at least two years of your secondary education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries?
      1. If “Yes” then you meet the standard through the combined secondary and tertiary education pathway.
      2. If “No” then Q: Have you completed at least six years (full time equivalent) continuous education, including your relevant health qualification, taught and assessed solely in English in one of the recognised countries?
         1. If “Yes” then you meet the standard through the extended education pathway.
         2. If “No” then you will need to take an English language test to demonstrate that you meet the standard through the English language test pathway.
   2. If “No” then Q: Is English your primary language?
      1. If “No” then refer to 1.1.2.2.
      2. If “Yes” then Q: Was all of your primary and secondary education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries?
         1. If “Yes” then you meet the standard through the primary language pathway.
         2. If “No” then refer to 1.1.2.2.