

Transition arrangements for Midwife Accreditation Standards 2021

The *Midwife Accreditation Standards 2021* came into effect on 29 January 2021. ANMAC's cyclical review of accreditation standards ensures standards remain contemporary and effective.

The Midwife Accreditation Standards 2021 introduce a new program entry requirement relating to English language proficiency, which is applicable to all entry-to-practice midwifery programs of study. Education providers of relevant programs are required to transition to this change in accordance with ANMAC's [Transition Policy for New Accreditation Standards](#).

The new English language proficiency requirement will apply to all future enrolments from and including Semester 2/Trimester 2 (as applicable), 2021 onwards. All education providers of entry-to-practice Midwife programs are required to provide evidence of meeting the following criterion by the date specified:

CRITERION	DUE DATE
1.3 The program's admission requirements are fair, equitable and transparent. Before making an offer for enrolment, education providers inform applicants of the requirements: b. to demonstrate English language proficiency either through providing a declaration that English is their primary language or achievement of minimum English language test results as specified in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) English language skills registration standard ¹	1 July 2021

An Essential Evidence companion document accompanies the release of the *Midwife Accreditation Standards 2021*. This document provides the minimum evidence required for a program to meet the standards. In order to meet the transition requirements for the above criterion, please provide ANMAC with the following evidence by the due date:

CRITERION	EVIDENCE REQUIRED
1.3b.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provided to students before enrolment, that clearly states English language entry requirements. Policies and procedures for recording students' English language assessment test results. Template for student declaration where English is the primary language.

ANMAC understands, offers for enrolment for international students into an entry-to-practice Midwife program may have already been made and accepted, and conditions of enrolments cannot subsequently be changed. To allow education providers affected by this to fulfil their obligations, international students who

¹ Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Registration standard. English language skills 2019.

have been made or accepted offers into Semester 1 of the relevant Midwife programs prior to this advice, can be enrolled into the program under the conditions that prevailed at the time of offering.

In relation to all other offers and enrolments, please note that from semester 2, 2021, all students enrolling into entry to practice midwife programs of study must meet the English language requirements as stated in the Midwife Accreditation Standards 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Accreditation Services on 02 6274 9166 or accreditation@anmac.org.au.

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