

## Transition arrangements for Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards 2019

The *Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards 2019* come into effect on 28 November 2019. ANMAC's cyclical review of accreditation standards ensures standards remain contemporary and effective. As per ANMAC's [Transition Policy for New Accreditation Standards](#), the Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards 2019 introduce two changes for program entry criteria which will require all providers of relevant programs to transition to the new standards.

All education providers of entry-to-practice registered nurse programs are required to provide evidence of meeting the following criteria by the dates specified:

CRITERIA	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 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. demonstrate English language proficiency either by providing a written declaration that English is their primary language or evidence that they have achieved the minimum English language test results as specified in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) English language skills registration standard</li> </ul>	1 July 2020
2.4 All program entry pathways for which students receive block credit or advanced standing (other than on an individual basis) are identified, approved by ANMAC and allow graduates to meet the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice	31 January 2020

An Essential Evidence companion document accompanies the release of the *Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards 2019*. This document provides the minimum evidence required for a program to meet the standards. In order to meet the transition requirements for the above criteria, please provide ANMAC with the following evidence by the due date:

CRITERIA	EVIDENCE REQUIRED
1.3b.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information provided to students before enrolment, that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clearly states English language requirements</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Program application information</li> <li>• Screen shot of the education provider's website showing program admission requirements.</li> <li>• Policies and procedures for recording students' English language assessment test results.</li> <li>• Template for student declaration where English is the primary language</li> </ul>
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented processes verifying all students entering the program through an enrolled nurse pathway hold NMBA registration as an enrolled nurse.</li> <li>• Mapping that demonstrates how graduates from each pathway will meet the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice</li> </ul>

ANMAC understands, offers for enrolment for international students into a registered nurse program may have already been accepted, and conditions of enrolments cannot subsequently be changed. To allow education providers affected by this to fulfil their obligations, international students who have accepted offers into registered nurse programs prior to this advice, can be enrolled into the program under the conditions that prevailed at the time they accepted their offer. To ensure compliance with these transition arrangements, ANMAC requests that no further offers of enrolment are made that do not meet these criteria from 28 November 2019.

To confirm your registered nurse program meets criteria 1.3b and 2.4, please contact [accreditation@anmac.org.au](mailto:accreditation@anmac.org.au) to arrange provision of the evidence.

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

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