DEMONSTRATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Οι οδηγίες του NMC με επακριβείς επεξηγήσεις:

«There are a number of pieces of evidence that we are likely to accept, and these are set out in detail in our guidance for EEA applicants. These are:

1. A recent overall score of 7.0 in the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test, with a score of at least 7.0 in each of the modules of reading, writing, listening and speaking. See below for more details and examples on IELTS.
2. A pre-registration nursing or midwifery qualification which was taught and examined in English.
3. Registration and practice of at least two years in a country where English is the first and native language, and where a successful pass in an English language test was required for registration.

We may consider other evidence on a case-by-case basis but this evidence would have to meet all of our requirements.

We will only request evidence of your language competence after we have completed recognition of your qualifications. However, if you already have the evidence (as set out in our guidance) you may wish to send this to us along with your initial application to speed up the process and allow us to register you without any delay.»

«Our criteria for assessing evidence and information in relation to knowledge of English are set out below.

The criteria reflect our objective of enhancing patient safety and provide us with adequate assurance that you have the necessary knowledge of English before we can register you. Should you be requested to provide evidence of the necessary knowledge of English, you must demonstrate competence in the four areas of:

- 16.1 Reading
- 16.2 Writing
- 16.3 Listening
- 16.4 Speaking

Where evidence or information is requested, we will consider the received evidence against the following criteria:

- 17.1 Whether the evidence is recent, objective and independent."
• 17.2 Whether it clearly demonstrates that you can read, write, communicate and interact with patients, service users, relatives and healthcare professionals in English.
• 17.3 Whether we can readily verify the evidence.

«Types of evidence that we are likely to accept

There are different ways in which you may be able to demonstrate that you have the necessary knowledge of English to practise in the UK. The Registrar has the power to exercise discretion and consider all types of credible evidence which meet the criteria set out above.

We will review our English language evidence requirements on a regular basis to ensure they remain suitable. We will give full consideration to new sources of evidence that can provide the required assurance that you have the necessary knowledge of English. However, based on our experience in assessing language evidence from international nurses and midwives trained outside the EEA, we have set out the types of evidence we can accept to demonstrate that you will have the necessary knowledge of English to practise in the UK. These types of evidence are set out below. If you can supply one of these pieces of evidence, you are likely to meet our requirements.

Evidence type 1: A recent overall score of 7 in the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). You must achieve no less than 7 in each of the four areas of reading, writing, listening and speaking.

The majority of nurses and midwives who have to demonstrate their knowledge of English currently do so by achieving the required scores in the academic version of the IELTS tests. IELTS is an objective method of demonstrating competence in English and is widely accepted by many employers, regulators and professional bodies.

We may accept an IELTS score of at least 7 that is older than two years old, if you can provide evidence to demonstrate that your language skills have not deteriorated in that time. Evidence that we may accept includes having subsequently completed a recent postgraduate course of study which has been taught and examined in English, or evidence that you have subsequently practised as a nurse or midwife in a country where English is the first and native language.

Other evidence: The Registrar may accept other forms of evidence at their discretion. This evidence must meet our criteria as outlined in paragraphs 16 and 17»

**Σημειώνεται ότι η κατοχή πχ. Proficiency κατά κανόνα δεν είναι αποδεκτή, είτε διότι δεν
είναι πρόσφατη, είτε διότι στο πτυχίο αυτό δεν αναγράφονται συγκεκριμένοι βαθμοί στα Parts που ενδιαφέρουν τον NMC.**

«If you cannot send the evidence we request, or we are not satisfied with what you send us, we will ask you to complete the IELTS test before we progress with your application any further. If we do formally request you to complete an IELTS test for these reasons you must sit the test within 90 days of our decision.»

«We highly recommend you make sure you can meet our language evidence requirements before you apply to us. If you feel you are unlikely to do so you may wish to complete an IELTS test before applying to us.

IELTS

Nurses and midwives taking the IELTS test must achieve:

- at least 7.0 in the listening and reading sections
- at least 7.0 in the writing and speaking sections, and
- at least 7.0 (out of a possible 9) overall.

Applicants may provide two IELTS test certificates to meet the above requirements, but must not have scored below 6.5 in any categories, in either of the test sittings.

The two test sittings must be taken within six months of each other to be considered.

IELTS scores are valid for two years.

As a result of public consultations for both nursing (November 2003) and midwifery (October 2005) and evidence from the British Council, the NMC decided that a score of 7.0 was the lowest level acceptable for language skills. This applies equally to nurses and midwives who apply for registration from 1 February 2007.

We will not accept applicants who score lower than this standard.

For example: if an applicant took an IELTS in April 2015 and sat the test again within six months, they can use the scores from both tests to satisfy our requirements. However, no individual score can be below 6.5.

Example scenarios

Example 1
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This application would be **accepted**.
The applicant has scored 7 in all categories, and no score is lower than 6.5.

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This application would **not be accepted**.
The applicant has a score lower than 6.5.

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This application would **not be accepted**.
The applicant has scores lower than 6.5.

IELTS test scores from more than two years ago
IELTS partners state they cannot verify an IELTS test score that is older than two years. If your test score is more than two years old you will need to resit your IELTS when submitting your application.

**IELTS test centres**

Globally IELTS is available in 140 countries at over 1,000 test centres. A full list of test centres is available on the IELTS website. If there is no IELTS test centre in your country, please visit the IELTS website for more information. Without exception, all overseas applicants who apply for NMC registration must meet the standard for English language.

The NMC uses IELTS because it has international use and recognition within nursing and midwifery. Most other healthcare regulators in the UK also use it.»

**Συνήθως, η εξέταση του IELTS προτείνεται στο British Council. Τα αποτελέσματα στέλνονται εφόσον το επιθυμείτε απευθείας στον NMC μετά την έκδοσή τους, 13 μέρες μετά την εξέταση.**

**ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΥΛΙΚΟ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ IELTS(ACADEMIC)**

Το IELTS όπως είδατε παραπάνω έχει 4 Parts στα οποία πρέπει να επιτευχθεί σκορ τουλάχιστον 7.0 σε καθένα ξεχωριστά. Εξετάζονται πρώτα τα γραπτά, και τα προφορικά είναι κάποιες μέρες πριν ή μετά. Η διάρκεια των γραπτών είναι περίπου 3 ώρες, ενώ των προφορικών 13’-15’ και αφορά συζήτηση με εξεταστή, χωρίς παρουσία άλλου εξεταστή ή εξεταζόμενου.

Το κόστος της εγγραφής για το τεστ είναι 195 ευρώ, και διαθέσιμες ημερομηνίες υπάρχουν συχνά κάθε μήνα.

Η δυσκολία του τεστ χαρακτηρίζεται μάλλον μέτρια για την επίτευξη του απαιτούμενου σκορ, και η προετοιμασία είναι σαφώς απαραίτητη για εξάσκηση στον τρόπο εξέτασης κυρίως αλλά και για να συνηθίσει ο εξεταζόμενος να απαντά τα θέματα μέσα στους σωστούς χρόνους.

Με την εγγραφή σας σε ημερομηνία έχετε και δωρεάν υλικό από το British council, για εξάσκηση κι εξοικείωση.

Παρακάτω επισυνάπτονται διάφορα sites για υλικό και πληροφορίες, καθώς και κάποια διαθέσιμα online σεμινάρια.

https://www.britishcouncil.gr/exam/ielts/register

https://www.britishcouncil.gr/exam/ielts/courses-resources

http://www.goodluckielts.com/ielts-writing-task-1-vocabulary.html

https://www.ieltsadvantage.com/2015/03/10/ielts-writing-task-1-grammar-guide/

http://ielts-academic.com/2012/03/06/ielts-writing-task-1-useful-language/

https://www.aehelp.com/blog/2014/04/08/academic-ielts-task-1-useful-vocabulary-for-graphs-and-diagrams/

http://ieltsmaterial.com/7-0-ielts-writing-task-1-3-sentence-structures-compare-numbers/


http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare-test/british-council-online-resources

http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/ielts?_ga=1.251563584.792051051.1478616105

https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/understanding-IELTS -> ΔΩΡΕΑΝ ΣΕΜΙΝΑΡΙΟ

http://vocaroo.com/ -> ΗΧΟΓΡΑΦΗΣΗ ΓΙΑ ΕΞΑΣΚΗΣΗ ΠΡΟΦΟΡΙΚΩΝ

https://courses.edx.org/courses/course-v1:UQx+IELTSx+3T2016/info -> ΔΩΡΕΑΝ ΣΕΜΙΝΑΡΙΟ ΠΟΛΥ ΒΟΗΘΗΤΙΚΟ!


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