



Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) is an authorised assessing authority for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). ANMAC conducts the assessment of the qualifications of registered nurses and midwives who intend to migrate to Australia under the *General Skilled Migration* category. Through this process ANMAC determines whether registered nurses and midwives are suitable for migration or whether they need to undertake further education in order to be eligible for migration in the stated skill category.

It should be noted that ANMAC has no legal authority to:

- Register nurses and midwives. This is a function of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.
- Employ nurses and midwives in Australia.
- Deal with immigration requirements other than Migration Skills Assessment.
- Advise on visa or immigration matters.
- Process applications for nursing and midwifery training in Australia.
- Provide continuing medical education courses or other medical training.

Our office is located in Canberra - Australia and all business is conducted through this office.

Assessment Standards

ANMAC assesses all applicants using the five standards for assessment.

Standard 1: The applicant establishes their identity

Standard 2: The applicant meets English language proficiency requirements for the nursing and midwifery professions in Australia

Standard 3: The applicant is assessed as meeting Australian nursing and midwifery educational standards

Standard 4: The applicant provides evidence of having practiced as a nurse and/or midwife within a defined period of time preceding the application

Standard 5: The applicant demonstrates they are “fit to practice” nursing and/or midwifery in Australia

Policy: Recognition of Nurses and Midwives from Member States of the European Union

ANMAC recognises the education and training of EU member states as similar in theory and practical content to Australian standards if they meet the EU Directive 2005/36/EC.

- Where the ANMAC is satisfied that the education program undertaken by a nurse/midwife in a member state of the European Union is/was consistent with the European Union Standard for the education of “nurses / midwives responsible for general care”, (European Directive 2005/36/EC), then the nurse/midwife will be suitable for migration without having to complete a competency based assessment program, providing all other standards are met.
- Previous ANMAC recognition for migration policies continue to apply where a nurse/midwife from a member state of the European Union is able to provide evidence of completion of an education program that is consistent with the European Union Standard for the education of “nurses / midwives responsible for general care” (Directive 77/453, 80/155, 2005/36/EC).
- Proof of English language proficiency will be required.

Requirements for the Competency Based Assessment Program to be Waived:

The requirement for nurses / midwives from member states of the European Union to undertake a competency based assessment program before being suitable for migration will be waived if all of the following requirements are met:

- The education program in nursing was conducted in a member state of the European Union;
- Appropriate documentation, issued by the education institution or appropriate registering authority, verifies that the education program complies with European Union directive 2005/36/EC; and
- Registration as a nurse / midwife was granted by the relevant nurse / midwife registering authority in the jurisdiction where the education program was undertaken.

Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) Codes

To apply under any of the new ANZSCO codes applicants must have evidence that they are currently registered as a nurse or midwife. Descriptions of each occupation can be found on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>

Maintaining the Standards in Nursing and Midwifery Education

Previously known as the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC), the inclusion of “Accreditation” into our name in 2010 reflects the new business of the organisation, with ANMAC now the independent accrediting authority for nursing and midwifery under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. It sets standards for accreditation and accredits nursing and midwifery courses and providers.

ANMAC website www.anmac.org.au