



## Pathway for UK Trained Nurses

The registration pathway is handled by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), administered by AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency).

### 1. Understand Eligibility

- The NMBA uses an Outcome-Based Assessment (OBA) system for most internationally qualified nurses/midwives (IQNMs).
- UK-trained nurses generally do not need to complete additional bridging courses because the UK is recognised as having a comparable nursing education standard.
- UK nurses typically follow the Stream A pathway in AHPRA's IQNM process — this means they may be exempt from exams, depending on their qualification and experience.

### 2. Create an Account in the AHPRA IQNM Portal

- Go to AHPRA's IQNM (Internationally Qualified Nurse or Midwife) self-check portal.
- Fill in your:
  - Personal details
  - Nursing qualification details
  - Country of training (United Kingdom)
- The system will tell you which stream you fall into.
- For most UK nurses: Stream A, from here, apply directly for registration.

### 3. Required Documents

- Proof of identity (passport, birth certificate).
- Proof of change of name (if applicable).
- Qualification certificate(s) from your nursing program.



- Transcript of academic record from your university.
- Verification of registration from the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in the UK.
- Evidence of English language proficiency (often waived for UK education + NMC registration).
- Recent passport-sized photos.

#### 4. Arrange Registration Verification

- The NMC must send verification of your UK registration directly to AHPRA via the Nursys equivalent process — for the UK this is done via an NMC "verification to overseas regulator" request.
- This confirms you have an active, good-standing registration.

#### 5. Submit the AHPRA Application

- Apply online through the AHPRA portal and pay the applicable fee.
- Once submitted, AHPRA will email you if they need any extra documents.
- Processing can take 3-4 months.