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MEMORANDUM

To: All Applicants, Registrants, Health Care Facilities and Relevant Stakeholders

From: Nursing and Midwifery Council

Date: 30th October 2026

Subject: Updated Registration Requirements – English Language Proficiency, Professional References and Basic Life Support

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The Nursing and Midwifery Council (the "Council") wishes to inform all applicants, registrants, health care facilities and relevant stakeholders of the following updates to the requirements for registration:

1. English Language Proficiency

With effect from **1 February 2027**, the following English language proficiency requirements will apply to **all new applications for registration received on or after that date**.

Applicants must satisfy the Council that they have the necessary knowledge of English. Where English is not the applicant's primary language, or where the applicant's primary nursing or midwifery qualification was not entirely taught and examined in English, the Council may require the applicant to submit the results of an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic test, or another test approved by the Council. The IELTS certificate must show:

a) a minimum score of **7.0 in each testing area** (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and an **overall score of 7.5**;

b) that these scores were obtained in the same test;

c) that the **Academic** version of the test was taken; and

d) the original stamp and Test Report Form (TRF) number.

2. Professional References

Professional references must be completed by a referee who has **worked directly with the applicant within the last six (6) months**. Each Professional Reference Form must also continue to be dated no earlier than six (6) months prior to the date of application.

This change ensures that references remain current and relevant to the applicant's present practice.

3. Further Information

The NMC General Information and Guidelines for Registration will be updated to reflect these requirements and will be available from the Department of Health Regulatory Services. All applicants and registrants are advised to take note of these updates and to ensure full compliance when submitting applications.

Queries may be directed to the Department of Health Regulatory Services at hpc@gov.ky and NMCApplications@gov.ky.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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