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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in Germany



Emigrated to Australia at age 25



Holds a NSW Ambulance Diploma in Paramedical Science*

* This is an accepted qualification



Have been a NSW Ambulance Paramedic for over five years

You would meet the English language standard through the transitional arrangements pathway.

To show English language competence when you apply for registration, you have to provide a signed form by your employer (available on the Board's website) that shows the results of your employer's testing of your English language competence.

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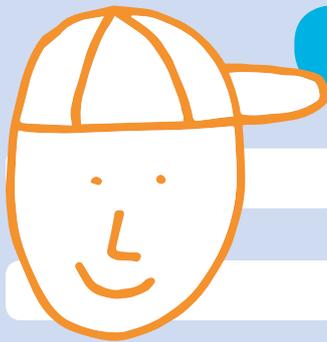
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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in Australia in 1985



Primary school in Australia



Moved to China aged 12



Attended English-speaking high school in China*

*China is not a recognised country



Moved back to Australia aged 20 in 2005



Completed an approved qualification in 2010



Started working at Ambulance Victoria in 2011

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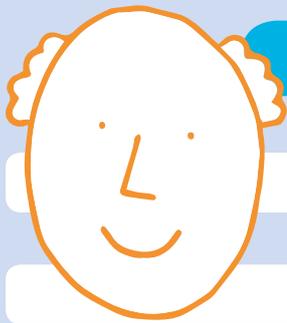
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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in TooWoomba in 1950



Completed Primary school in TooWoomba



Completed two years of Secondary schooling in TooWoomba



No formal Paramedic qualifications



Started as an ambulance officer at QAS in 1970



Worked at QAS as a Paramedic for over 30 years

You would meet the English language standard through the combined secondary and qualifications or training pathway.

To show English language competence when you apply for registration, you have to provide your SSER form from QAS.

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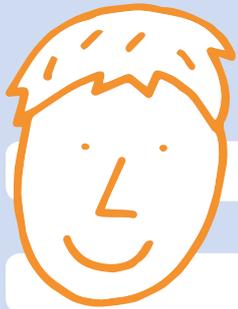
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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in Toronto in 1970



Primary school and high school in Canada*

*Canada is a recognised country



Moved to Australia in 2000 aged 30



Completed an approved qualification from ACU



Worked at SAAS for over eight years

You would meet the English language standard through the combined secondary and qualifications or training pathway.

As you attended school in a recognised country, you do not need to provide any additional documents to demonstrate English language competence when you apply for registration.

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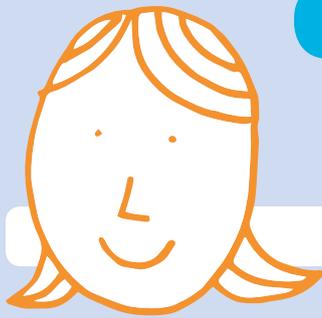
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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in Perth



Completed all Primary and secondary school in Perth



Completed an approved qualification from ECU



Worked at St John WA for three years

You would meet the English language standard through the combined secondary and qualifications or training pathway.

As you attended school in a recognised country, you do not need to provide any additional documents to demonstrate English language competence when you apply for registration.

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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in Japan



Primary school and high school in Japan*

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Moved to Australia in 2013 aged 25



Completed an approved qualification in 2016



Worked at Ambulance Tasmania for two years

You need to demonstrate your English language competence by sitting an English language test.

This is because you don't meet any of the education pathways, and you have only worked with your employer for two years. To meet the transitional arrangements pathway you need to have been with an approved employer for five or more years.

If you completed an English language test and achieved the required scores prior to undertaking an approved program of study, you may be able to use these test results. See the fact sheet for more information.

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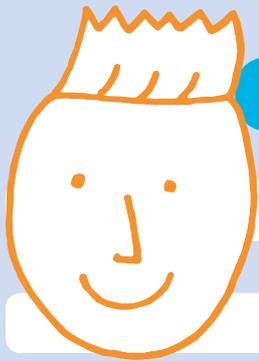


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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in France



Primary school and high school in France*

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Trained and Practised as a Paramedic in France for 10 years



Moved to Australia in 2010



Worked at ACT Ambulance Service since 2011

You would meet the English language standard through the transitional arrangements pathway.

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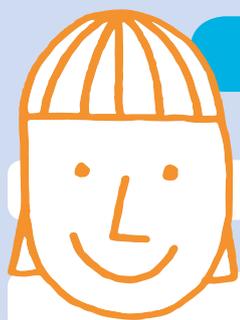
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How do I meet the English language standard?

Born in Brazil



Attended school in Brazil*

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Completed a three Year Bachelor of Arts course from Monash in 2014



Completed a Bachelor of Paramedicine from ACU in 2017



Worked at Ambulance Victoria for a Year

You would meet the English language standard through the extended education pathway.

You do not need to upload confirmation that your course was taught and assessed solely in English because you have done six years continuous education in Australia. If your six years continuous education was completed in another recognized country, you would need to upload evidence with your application form.

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