

YOUR GUIDE TO REGISTRATION

WITH THE MIDWIFERY COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND





CRITERIA

All practicing Midwives in New Zealand must be registered with the Midwifery Council of New Zealand and hold an Annual Practising Certificate (APC).

To receive an APC, you must demonstrate that you are competent to practice as a midwife.

Applications from internationally qualified midwives will only be considered by the Council if you are currently registered with a registration authority that performs a similar function to the Council.

This document provides a summary of the criteria, requirements, process, and fees. For full details please refer to the council's website: <https://midwiferycouncil.health.nz>

KEY CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER IN NZ

MIDWIFERY QUALIFICATION

Equivalent in content and competencies to the New Zealand Bachelor of Midwifery.

CURRENT REGISTRATION

Registered as a midwife in the country where you received your education and hold current registration in that, or another, country.

POST-REGISTRATION MIDWIFERY PRACTICE

Minimum of ONE year's practice across the midwifery scope within the immediate five years.

FITNESS FOR REGISTRATION

Demonstrate that you are of good character and have no mental and physical conditions that adversely affect your ability to practice.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

You must be able to communicate effectively. Applicants for whom English is not their first spoken language will be required to provide evidence of successful completion of an English language assessment.

Important Note: The Council does not accept applications from internationally qualified new graduate midwives, or from midwives whose skills are not current.

SEVEN STEPS TO THE REGISTRATION PROCESS





DOCUMENTS

To support your application the council requires documents specified below.

PROOF OF YOUR IDENTITY AND FITNESS TO PRACTICE

- › Original hard copy evidence of identity (two primary sources including one with photo) – must be verified.
- › Police report from the country you have lived in for the past 12 months.
- › Certificate of good standing sent directly from regulatory board.
- › Two references - character and Person Of Good Standing sent directly to the Council.
- › Medical certificate sent directly to the Council from your GP.

EVIDENCE OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, POST REGISTRATION PRACTICE AND COMPETENCE

- › Academic transcripts including verified copy of degree certificate and theory and practice component of midwifery programme.
- › CV including employment history and description of practice experiences.
- › Completed qualification comparability assessment form.
- › Certificates of any continuing education (previous 2 years).
- › Completed self-assessment against competencies form.

COPY OF YOUR ENGLISH TEST RESULTS (Where English is your second language)

The approved English language tests are Occupational English Test (OET) and International Language Testing System (IELTS).

Pass in IELTS test with no less than 7.0 in each of the four bands; or

Pass mark of A or B in each section of OET.

You must achieve the score in one sitting.

All forms can be found on the Midwifery Council website.

Documents can be uploaded during the application process however you must also send the certified physical copies to the Council by post. These must be certified as correct by a Notary Public, Solicitor, or Justice of the Peace.

DECISION

APPLICATION DECISION AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Once all the required information has been received by the council, it may take up to one month before your application can be determined and you are advised of the Council decision.

Once registered, internationally qualified Midwives will have the following conditions on their scope of practice:

1. Must work as an employed Midwife in a hospital or established group practice.
2. May not prescribe any medications.
3. Must complete Overseas Competence Programme (see page 6) within 24 months of issue of first APC.

APPLYING FOR FIRST PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

Before the first practising certificate is issued, you must provide the following:

1. Overseas Competence Programme

- › Evidence of either completion or enrolment in the NZ Maternity and Midwifery systems module.
- › Evidence of completion of Cultural Competence.
- › Plan to complete the Overseas Competence Programme at the time they apply for their annual practising certificate.

2. Evidence of Employment – contract of employment.

3. Supervisor – a New Zealand midwife must be appointed as your supervisor.

REGISTRATION FEES

Application fee (internationally qualified Midwife) (Trans-Tasman applicants NZD\$675)	NZD\$ 1350 + GST
Registration Competence Programme (FOUR online courses)	NZ\$ 450 + GST (each)
Issue of an Annual Practising Certificate (APC)	NZ\$ 690 + GST

OVERSEAS COMPETENCE PROGRAMME

Cultural Competence for Midwifery Practice*	MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE FIRST APC
New Zealand Maternity and Midwifery Systems*	Within 24 months MUST REGISTER FOR THIS BEFORE FIRST APC
Pharmacology and Prescribing for Midwives*	Within 24 months
Examination of the Newborn Theory*	Within 24 months
Examination of Newborn - Practical	Within 24 months
GAP (Growth Assessment Protocol) – Workshop	Within 24 months
Treaty of Waitangi	Within 24 months)

* Available for completion online through Otago Polytechnic – cost \$450 each

Please note: some hospitals will support the cost of the above courses as part of your employment package.

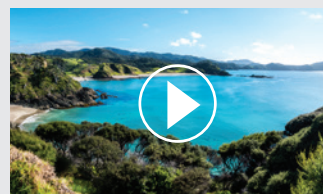
For more information on online courses

[CLICK HERE](#)

These courses are designed to help you gain a greater understanding of Midwifery practice in New Zealand and include specific knowledge and skills that Midwives educated outside of New Zealand may not have.

GET IN TOUCH

We'd love to hear from you whatever stage of the journey you may be at. You can contact us by email, through our website below or even send us your CV. As we're based in New Zealand, please expect an overnight response.



Check out some great videos of what living in New Zealand is all about on our website [here](#)

We look forward to helping you on your exciting journey

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