



# Overseas nurse recruitment: COVID-19 temporary register

Briefing note for care providers

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**The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) have arrangements in place to include overseas applicants on their COVID-19 temporary register and are able to support care providers.**

Under emergency legislation the NMC has established a temporary register to support the national COVID-19 response. The legislation allows the NMC to identify groups that they consider as fit, proper and suitably experienced to practice in support of the emergency.

Alongside former registrants who left the NMC permanent register within the last five years, they have also identified overseas applicants to their permanent register who meet the following criteria as being eligible to join the temporary register:

- They hold a valid CBT pass
- They have had their language, health and character verified by the NMC
- They are ready to take the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- If they had booked an OSCE then we may have already invited them to join the temporary register
- If they had not booked an OSCE, the NMC can invite them to join the temporary register. They will need a senior NMC registrant to confirm that the applicant is being supported and is 'OSCE ready'.

If care providers have any overseas applicants who meet this criteria, please complete the attached spreadsheet and send it to [Kathleen.Molloy@nmc-uk.org](mailto:Kathleen.Molloy@nmc-uk.org)

The NMC will check the applicants against their records and if they are eligible, they will invite them to join the temporary register. Once they join, because they have not passed the OSCE there will be conditions of practice on their registration:

- they must work as a registered nurse or midwife in an employed capacity for a health or social care employer

- they should always work under the direction of an NMC registered nurse, midwife or other registered healthcare professional who is not on a temporary register

## Further information

Further information can be found on the NMC [covid-19 hub](#).

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