UK NMC Preparation: Registration, CBT and OSCE

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Preparing to join the UK nursing register? Start with the registration route, check which English-language evidence applies to you, then plan your CBT and OSCE preparation. Already registered? Use the Code and revalidation guides to connect professional standards with everyday practice.

Choose your next step: overseas registration, English-language evidence, or OSCE preparation materials.

How to use this library: Choose a topic, learn the background and limitations, study the comparison table and flowchart, then apply the clinical case. Practice questions are kept exclusively in Practice Mode and not embedded inside articles.

Preparing for the UK nursing OSCE? Start with our NMC OSCE preparation guide, then open the free interactive OSCE learning and mock station simulator. Covers assessment, planning, implementation, evaluation, clinical skills, values and evidence-based practice; these are independent practice materials, not official NMC stations.

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The NMC Code describes the professional standards of practice and behaviour that registered nurses, midwives and nursing associates must uphold in the UK. It is relevant across documentation, pat...

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Strategy

The NMC Computer Based Test (CBT) forms the knowledge-based component of the Test of Competence for relevant candidates. This guide emphasises how to study against official documents and how to a...

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The Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) tests applied clinical and communication skills within structured stations. Preparation should make the candidate safer and more systematic ra...

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Essential official starting points: NMC overseas registration; The NMC Code; Test of

Competence.

UK nursing registration: eligibility, CBT, OSCE and English evidence

Internationally educated applicants should distinguish the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registration process from preparation for the Test of Competence (ToC). The ToC includes a computer-based test (CBT) of knowledge and an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) assessing practice-related skills. Whether an applicant must take the ToC depends on the NMC's assessment of that application; completing study questions alone does not confer registration.

TABLE / Choose the correct NMC preparation guide

Your question	What to check	Related guide
Am I eligible to register?	Initial eligibility, qualifications, identity and professional registration evidence.	Overseas registration
How should I prepare for the CBT?	Field-specific knowledge, test format and numeracy study.	CBT preparation
What happens in an OSCE?	Structured stations, assessment, planning, implementation, evaluation, communication and professional values.	OSCE preparation
Which English evidence is accepted?	Academic IELTS, OET, or another evidence route accepted under the current NMC rules.	English language evidence
How do I maintain registration?	The Code, continuing professional development, reflection and revalidation after registration.	NMC revalidation

What should you do first? Read the official NMC step-by-step registration guidance and use its pre-application checklist before paying for preparation or tests. English-language evidence, identity verification, health and character declarations and professional indemnity requirements are distinct parts of the pathway. The NMC may update fees, evidence rules and test arrangements.

Source: NMC overseas registration. My Nursing Hub is an independent study resource and not affiliated with the NMC.

Choose the route that applies to you

For skill-focused revision alongside OSCE study, see the clinical procedures and nursing skills library, including hand hygiene, vital-signs assessment and medication-safety principles. Review current official NMC requirements separately.

Applying from outside the UK? Start with registration and English evidence. Preparing for

tests? Study the field-specific CBT and OSCE guides, then check NMC materials. Already on the register? Use the Code and revalidation guides. Candidates should not treat a test-preparation article as evidence of registration or competence.

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