

ANMAC-Level English: Meeting and Evidencing the English Standard

Programme descriptor

DOCUMENT CONTROL

- Programme: ANMAC-Level English: Meeting and Evidencing the English Standard (OBA-ELS-2026)
- Audience: Prospective participants, employers and referral partners
- Version 1.0 | Issued 23/09/2026 | Review due 23/03/2027
- Provider: OBA Nursing Academy

The finding this programme is built on

AS AT THE DATE OF ISSUE, ANMAC AND THE NATIONAL BOARDS DO NOT PUBLISH THE SAME NUMBERS. The Boards updated their minimum scores on 23 April 2026; ANMAC's published figures match the earlier set. Only IELTS Academic is identical between the two. On PTE Academic the Boards now require SPEAKING 76 against an overall of 63, where ANMAC publishes 66 across listening, reading and speaking - so a candidate who prepares to ANMAC's published numbers can hit every one of them and still not meet the registration standard on speaking.

For a candidate about to spend a test fee and three months of preparation, that is not an academic point. It is the difference between preparing to the number that will be applied to her and preparing to one that will not - and the figure that misleads her is a real published figure from a real regulator.

What a participant can do afterwards

- Say which of the four pathways could apply, and check the recognised country list rather than assuming.
- Quote both published requirements for a given test, each with its body, its page and the date it was checked.
- Say which table applies to a result, from the date it was sat.
- Identify the component with the highest threshold on their own test - which is not the same component on every test, and changed in April 2026.
- Apply the sittings, floor, One Skill Retake and validity rules to a real set of dates.
- Run the three checks that stop a candidate paying for a test they did not need.
- And say, without hesitating, which questions belong to a regulator rather than to an adviser.

Structure

Module	Title	Time
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00	Orientation: Two Bodies, Two Published Numbers	24 min
01	Do You Need a Test at All? The Four Pathways	25 min
02	The Five Accepted Tests, and the Sentence About Difficulty	21 min
03	The Numbers: Table 1, Table 2, and 23 April 2026	25 min
04	ANMAC and the National Boards: Meet the Higher	26 min
05	Sittings, Floors, the One Skill Retake, and Validity	25 min
06	Listening at Band: What the Required Score Asks You to Do	20 min
07	Reading at Band: Speed, Scanning, and the Question Behind the Question	19 min
08	Writing: The Threshold That Moved	20 min
09	Speaking: Now the Hardest Component on Two Tests	22 min
10	Booking, Evidence, and What to Check Before You Pay	29 min

Total 7.0 CPD hours, measured. Assessment: 60 items at 80%, plus 5 case studies.

Who it is for

Role	Why
Internationally qualified nurses and midwives	Almost all of them are on the test pathway, because none of the main source countries is on the recognised country list - and most have never been shown the list.
Candidates already holding a result	Whether it still counts turns on the sitting date, the two-year rule running backwards from lodgement, and two exceptions most candidates have never been told about.
OBA admissions staff and advisers	The programme sets out exactly what an adviser may state, and the handful of questions that belong to ANMAC or to the Board.
Agents and referral partners	The commonest error in the market is quoting one published figure as though it were the only one. Module 04 is about what to do instead.
Teaching staff	The four skills modules state the current threshold on every test and are explicit that the preparation advice is OBA's teaching rather than a regulator's requirement.
Employers and sponsors	A candidate whose English result is measured

	against the wrong table is a placement timeline that slips by a quarter.
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SCOPE, CURRENCY AND THE LIMIT OF THIS PROGRAMME

- This programme is preparation and professional development. It sets out what ANMAC and the National Boards publish about English language requirements as at the date of issue, with the source and the date each was checked. It is NOT migration advice, NOT legal advice, and NOT a guarantee of a test result. It cannot tell you which pathway you satisfy, which test you should sit, whether your existing result will be accepted, or what score you will achieve. Those depend on your own history and documents, and they are decisions for you, for ANMAC, for the Board and - where a visa is involved - for the Department of Home Affairs and a registered migration agent.
- CONTENT VERIFIED 23/09/2026 DIRECTLY FROM THE PUBLISHING REGULATORS. English language skills registration standard, approved by the Ministerial Council 14 November 2024, and the Accepted English language tests page carrying Table 1 and Table 2 - both Ahpra, on behalf of the National Boards. ANMAC minimum scores from the Full skills assessment page and the ANMAC FAQs. THE NATIONAL BOARDS CHANGED THE MINIMUM SCORES ON 23 APRIL 2026 AND ANMAC PUBLISHES THE EARLIER SET. Check both sources yourself before you book a test: this is the fastest-moving requirement in the whole registration pathway.

SUPPORT - FOR YOU

- Nurse & Midwife Support - 1800 667 877. 24 hours, seven days. Free and confidential, for nurses, midwives and students - including internationally qualified nurses working through registration.
- Lifeline - 13 11 14. 24 hours, seven days. National crisis support.
- You may stop this programme at any point and come back. Nothing is timed and there is no penalty.