

Which-body citation card

Which body, which page, which date

DOCUMENT CONTROL

- Programme: ANMAC-Level English: Meeting and Evidencing the English Standard (OBA-ELS-2026)
- Audience: Anybody who quotes an English requirement to a candidate
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The habit this programme installs is WHICH BODY, WHICH PAGE, WHICH DATE. 'The National Boards' Table 2, on the Accepted English language tests page, checked on 23 September 2026' beats 'the requirement is 7'. Because there are two publishers and one of them changed its numbers five months ago, a score quoted without its source and its date cannot be relied on - and this is the single most expensive thing in the registration pathway to get wrong, because the cost of being wrong is a test fee and three months.

THREE BODIES, THREE REQUIREMENTS, NOT INTERCHANGEABLE

- ANMAC - Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council. Assesses your SKILLS for MIGRATION purposes. Its English requirement is part of a full skills assessment. Publishes its own minimum scores on its Full skills assessment page and in its FAQs.
- The NMBA, with the other National Boards - Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Sets the English language skills registration standard for REGISTRATION. The standard was approved by the Ministerial Council on 14 November 2024, and the minimum scores in it were updated on 23 APRIL 2026.
- The Department of Home Affairs - DHA. A THIRD requirement, for the VISA. Different thresholds for different purposes - functional, vocational, competent, proficient, superior. This programme names the layer and does not state a DHA score, because those were not read from the DHA source in this build.

The six questions, in order

Ask	Because
Which body's requirement is this?	ANMAC for the skills assessment, the National Boards for registration, the Department of Home Affairs for the visa. Three bodies, three requirements, and they are not interchangeable.
Which page, and when did I check it?	The Boards' numbers are on the Accepted English language tests page; ANMAC's are on its Full skills assessment page and in its FAQs. Write down the date you looked.
Which table applies to this result?	Table 1 if the test was sat on or before 22 April 2026; Table 2 if on or after 23 April 2026. The date

	you SAT it, not the date you apply.
Which component has the highest threshold on this test?	It is not the same component on every test, and it changed in April 2026. Find the highest number in the row before you plan your study.
Am I meeting the higher of the two published requirements?	Where ANMAC and the Boards differ, meeting the higher on every component meets both. Meeting only one may not.
When will I LODGE, and is my earliest sitting within two years of that?	Validity runs backwards from lodgement, and from the earlier sitting where there are two.

Where each rule comes from

The rule	The source
The four pathways, and who needs a test	ELS registration standard (Ahpra, for the National Boards)
The list of recognised countries	ELS registration standard, Definitions
Which tests are accepted	ELS registration standard, Appendix one
The minimum scores for REGISTRATION	Accepted English language tests page - Table 1 and Table 2
The minimum scores for the ANMAC SKILLS ASSESSMENT	ANMAC Full skills assessment page and ANMAC FAQs
Two sittings, floors and the One Skill Retake	ELS standard and the Accepted tests page
Validity, and the two ways past two years	Accepted English language tests page
The visa English requirement	Department of Home Affairs

The two tables, side by side

TABLE 1 APPLIES TO A TEST TAKEN ON OR BEFORE 22 APRIL 2026. TABLE 2 APPLIES TO A TEST TAKEN ON OR AFTER 23 APRIL 2026. The date that matters is the date you SAT the test, not the date you apply. And if you are relying on two sittings that straddle the line, each test is measured against the table for its own date: the first against Table 1, the second against Table 2.

Table 1 - tests taken on or before 22 April 2026

Test	Overall	Components
Cambridge (C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency)	185	185 for listening, reading and speaking; 176 for writing
IELTS Academic	7	7 for listening, reading and speaking; 6.5 for writing
OET	-	B for listening, reading and speaking; C+ for writing
PTE Academic	66	66 for listening, reading and speaking; 56 for writing
TOEFL iBT	94	24 for listening, 24 for reading, 24 for writing, 23 for speaking

Table 2 - tests taken on or after 23 April 2026

Test	Overall	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Cambridge C1 Advanced	178	175	179	180	194
Cambridge C2 Proficiency	185	185	185	176	185
IELTS Academic	7	7	7	6.5	7
OET	N/a	350	360	350	360

PTE Academic	63	58	59	60	76
TOEFL iBT	91	22	22	23	24

And the two publishers, side by side

Test	ANMAC, as published	National Boards Table 2
IELTS Academic	Overall 7; L 7, R 7, S 7, W 6.5	Overall 7; L 7, R 7, W 6.5, S 7 - IDENTICAL
OET	B for L, R, S; C+ for W	No overall (N/a); L 350, R 360, W 350, S 360
PTE Academic	Overall 66; L 66, R 66, S 66, W 56	Overall 63; L 58, R 59, W 60, S 76
TOEFL iBT	Overall 94; L 24, R 24, W 24, S 23	Overall 91; L 22, R 22, W 23, S 24
Cambridge	Overall 185; L 185, R 185, S 185, W 176	C1 Advanced 178; L 175, R 179, W 180, S 194. C2 Proficiency 185; L 185, R 185, W 176, S 185

THE FINDING, AND WHAT THIS PROGRAMME WILL NOT DO WITH IT

- 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.
- WHAT THIS PROGRAMME WILL NOT DO. It will not tell you that ANMAC's numbers are wrong, out of date or superseded. From outside it is not possible to know whether ANMAC maintains its own requirement deliberately or has not yet republished, and guessing about a regulator's intention is how a candidate books the wrong test. What the programme does instead: it states both, verbatim, each with its source and the date it was checked. THE PRACTICAL RULE IS TO MEET THE HIGHER OF THE TWO ON EVERY COMPONENT, and to confirm the current requirement with ANMAC and with the Board before you book and pay.

Write your own, and date it

Fill this in for the requirement you are relying on. Then check it again before you book and pay.

The requirement, in your own words

Which body publishes it

Which page, and its title

Which table it belongs to - Table 1, Table 2, or not applicable

The figure, component by component

Date I checked the page

The OTHER body's published figure for the same test, and the date I checked it

The higher figure in each component - my target
