



New Requirements for Registration of Non-EU Healthcare Applicants in UK Announced

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office in the United Kingdom has reported that the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) will require beginning September 2005 non-EU nursing and midwife applicants seeking practice in the UK to complete the new Overseas Nurses Programme in order to qualify for registration with the NMC. The NMC, which regulates nurses and midwives in UK, announced that the new Programme will be mandatory for all non-EU applicants. The NMC has made the necessary arrangements to assist non-EU applicants, who already have or will receive their supervised practice during the period April-August 31, 2005 to continue to access placements through organizations approved for the purpose until August 31, 2006.

The Programme aims to ensure consistency in preparing all applicants for UK registration and was developed to be comparable to the requirements for UK-trained nurses. The core component of the Programme is a 20-day protected learning time and, where appropriate, a period of supervised practice. For IELTS, which is a requirement under the Programme, applicants must get a proficiency grade of 6.5 per cent in the International English Language Testing System.

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