Internationally qualified midwives applying for registration

Online application form
Create an account through the website

Registration fee
Must be paid at time of application

Documentation required for registration

Documents may be downloaded from the website. All copies must be certified as correct by a Notary Public, Solicitor, or Justice of the Peace. Once all documents are received, registration will be completed within three to five working days.

1. Identity and fitness to practise

- Evidence of identity (two primary sources including one with photo) see website
- Police check (from any country lived in for more than 12 months)
- Medical certificate
- Certificate of good standing
- Contact details of two referees

Self declaration: Midwives who have an ongoing mental or physical condition or who have a conviction should make a declaration, outlining their circumstances and why they are fit to practise and to be registered as a midwife in New Zealand.
2. Qualifications, post registration practice and competence

**Academic transcript**
- Transcript of the theory and practice component of midwifery programme
- Include hours for theory, practice and birth numbers

**Portfolio providing post registration practice and education**
- Employment history
- Description of practice experiences (minimum of 2 years post graduate midwifery practice across the scope)
- Continuing education (previous 3 years) - provide certificates
- Self assessment against competencies

(For midwives where English is their second language)
- Evidence of ability to speak, write and comprehend the English language
- Pass in IELTS test of an average 7.5 with no lesss than 7.0 in each of the four bands; or
- Pass mark of A or B in each section of OET

**English language proficiency**

Conditions on registration scope of practice

Once registered, all internationally qualified midwives will have the following conditions on their scope of practice.

- Must work as an employed midwife or LMC in established group practice
- May not prescribe any medications
- Complete the Overseas Competence Programme within 24 months of registration

- NZ Maternity and Midwifery Systems*
- Cultural Competence*
- Treaty of Waitangi
- Pharmacology and Prescribing*
- Examination of the newborn (theory* and practice)
- GAP (Growth Assessment Protocol)

*Available online

If the midwife believes that she should have exemption from completing any of these courses, she should contact the Council with her reasons. The midwife may apply for conditions to be removed when she has completed:
- an approved pharmacology and prescribing course
- any of the other required modules of the Overseas Competence Programme

**First Practising Certificate**

Before the first practising certificate is issued:

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