



Internationally qualified midwives applying for registration

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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, your application will be considered.

1. Identity and fitness to practise

Hard copy evidence of identity (two primary sources including one with photo) see our website for further information. Needs to be verified.

Police check (from any country you have lived in for more than 12 months from the age 18) sent directly from police.

Medical certificate - sent directly to the Council from the GP.

Certificate of good standing - sent directly from regulatory board.

2 completed references - character and Person Of Good Standing sent directly to the Council.

There are costs associated with Overseas Competence Programme requirements. Midwives should check what these are.

The Midwifery Council

The Midwifery Council makes sure midwives meet and maintain professional standards of education, conduct and performance so that they deliver high quality healthcare throughout their careers. The safety of mothers and babies comes first.

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. Forms to make disclosures are provided on our website and should be sent directly to us.

2. Qualifications, post registration practice and competence

Academic transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcript of the theory and practice component of midwifery programme which include hours for theory, practice and birth numbers sent directly from school of midwifery. • Applicants are required to send a verified copy of their degree certificate to the Council. • Course descriptors may be required, but you will be asked for them if necessary.
Portfolio providing post registration practice and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment history and CV. • Description of practice experiences (minimum of 1 year post graduate midwifery practice across the scope). • Completed qualification comparability assessment form. • Continuing education (previous 2 years) - provide certificates. • Self assessment against competencies.
English language proficiency	<p><i>(For midwives where English is their second language)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of ability to speak, write and comprehend the English language. • Pass in IELTS test with an average of 7.5 with no less than 7.0 in each of the four bands; or • Pass mark of A or B in each section of OET.

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	Must complete the Overseas Competence Programme within 24 months of issue of first APC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Competence* This must be completed before first APC • NZ Maternity and Midwifery Systems - must provide evidence of enrolment before first APC* • Treaty of Waitangi • Pharmacology and Prescribing* • Examination of the newborn (theory* and practice) • GAP (Growth Assessment Protocol) education
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**Available online*

If the midwife believes that they should have exemption from completing any of these courses, they should contact the Council with their reasons. The midwife may apply for conditions to be removed when they have 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:

Overseas Competence Programme	<p>Midwife must provide signed documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to complete the Overseas Competence Programme at the time they apply for their annual practising certificate. • Evidence of either completion or enrolment in the NZ Maternity and Midwifery systems module. • Evidence of completion of Cultural Competence.
Evidence of Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midwife must provide evidence of employment e.g. contract or if intending to work as LMC, details of how they will practise within an established group practice.
Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council will appoint a New Zealand midwife supervisor. • A report will be sought from the supervisor monthly for a minimum of 12 months.