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NURSING COUNCIL NEW ZEALAND PROVIDERS FOR NEW COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT EXAMINATIONS

Introduction — Information for immigration staff that outlines the new assessment providers for International Qualified Nurses (IQNs) applying through the Nursing Council New Zealand.

This Visa Pak provides an update about the Nursing Council of New Zealand's (NCNZ) new competency assessment requirements and should be read in conjunction with [previous advice](#) provided on 19 December 2023.

The NCNZ have contracted two providers to deliver their theoretical and clinical examinations as part of the new competence assessment process for internationally qualified nurses (IQN).

The online theoretical exam, which tests nursing knowledge across a range of competencies, will be completed at a test centre through [Pearson VUE](#), either overseas or in New Zealand.

The clinical examination, also known as an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), for IQN's will be delivered by the [Nurse Maude Association](#) and must be done in person. It will be taken at a purpose-designed simulation centre at the Nurse Maude facilities in Christchurch. Prior to the OSCE, there will be a two-day orientation and preparation course held at a venue close to the simulation centre. IQNs required to undertake the examinations will be able to book electronically via a secure online portal.