

You are going to read an article about new rules relating to EU nurses working or applying for a job in the UK. Some words are missing from the text.

- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (1-8).
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use only one word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

EU NURSES FACE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS

Nurses and midwives (0) **coming** (*come*) to Britain from the EU will now need to prove they are fluent in English, under new rules. Until now, checks have only been applied to nurses from outside the EU. From now on any nurse applying to join the register from outside the UK will need to have an English language (1) _____ (*assess*). Tests will check listening, reading, writing and speaking (2) _____ (*fluent*).

The Nursing and Midwifery Council Chief Executive said: "The (3) _____ (*able*) to communicate effectively with patients is fundamental to patient (4) _____ (*safe*) and is a principle that is central to our code." The NMC has more than 690,000 nurses and midwives on its register. Around 66,000 of these come from non-EU countries and 33,000 from the EU.

Katherine Murphy of The Patients Association said: "Nurses from other countries make an extremely important (5) _____ (*contribute*) to healthcare in the UK. However, we hear from patients on our National Helpline that there can be real issues with some overseas health (6) _____ (*profession*); including problems with communication and a lack of (7) _____ (*understand*) of processes and procedures. The Patients Association calls on all hospitals to (8) _____ (*sure*) that their staff meet these new requirements, and that all overseas nurses have the necessary support and training to be able to offer patients safe and effective care."

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