



PTE Academic receives recognition from Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC)

Over 16,000 roles open for nursing migrants in Australia this year; new recognition makes PTE Academic a preferred option for English skill assessment of nurses and midwives

Kochi, July 28, 2016: Pearson, the world's leading learning company, has announced that the **Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)** has been approved by the **Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC)** for English language assessment of overseas nurses. This recognition came into effect from 1 July 2016. PTE Academic is already approved for applications to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

With this recognition, nurses from India, who are seeking employment opportunities in Australia, can now use PTE Academic – both, for registering to work and for migrating to Australia. As per the occupational ceilings released by the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), there are over 16,346 nurses and midwifery places to be filled by skilled migrants in this financial year.

PTE Academic is a computer-based language test that offers international students and employment seekers a **fast** (results typically in five business days), **fair** (accurate computer marking with no potential for examiner bias) and **flexible** (test sessions 363 days of the year) way of proving their English language proficiency. Globally, PTE Academic is accepted by thousands of academic programmes, as well as by the DIBP for all immigration and student visa applications. The test is accepted by 100% of Australia, New Zealand and Ireland Universities and by several leading universities in the USA, UK, Canada and Singapore, among others.

Commenting on the development, **Mr. Vikas Singh, Business Head and Vice President, Pearson India said**, *“English language proficiency is important for success of professionals and students seeking to pursue their career in Australia. It is critical to be able to prove this skill in a secure and objective environment using the most up-to-date testing method and technology. Pearson’s global expertise in English language has helped PTE Academic to develop latest methodology and adopt technologies that are secure and accurate. The latest recognition received by PTE Academic from ANMAC is testimony of its highly efficacious testing framework and we are confident of assisting Indian nurses as well as Australian health employers through our world-class English skills assessment.”*

In recent years, Pearson has invested heavily in building the required security measures, through digital, biometric and forensic integration. This ensures highest security standard of testing for PTE Academic. For ease of candidates, the examination can be scheduled online or through phone, even within 24 hours of appearing for the test. The 100% computer-based 3-hour test includes three sections – speaking & writing, reading and listening. In view of the criticality of immigration procedure, the results are provided to applicants, typically within five working days.

PTE Academic is currently administered in 24 test centres across 17 cities in India i.e. Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Cochin, Coimbatore, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Jalandhar, Kolkata, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi, Patiala, Pune, Rajkot and Vijaywada.

For additional information, visit www.pearson.co.in/pteacademic/

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