To be eligible to apply via the international route you need to have undergone training in one of the relevant professions elsewhere than in the UK. The international application for registration form can be downloaded from our website at [www.hcpc-uk.org/apply/international/forms/](http://www.hcpc-uk.org/apply/international/forms/)

Please complete all the relevant details, ensuring to include all requested supporting documentation and payment. The non-refundable scrutiny fee for international applicants is £539.65. If your application is successful you will be registered to work in the UK in your specified field.

**Language requirements**

If English is not your first language (the main or only language you use on a day-to-day basis) then you will need to present us with proof of your proficiency in English. For further information please follow this link [www.hcpc-uk.org/apply/international/](http://www.hcpc-uk.org/apply/international/) If you are a citizen from the European Economic Area (EEA = EU + Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein), you are exempt from this requirement, unless you want to be registered as a Speech and language therapist.

**How the decision on your application is made**

We cannot advise you of your chances of successful registration as applications are assessed on an individual basis. In order to become registered you will need to meet the UK standards of proficiency and you should read these to ascertain your best chances of success - <http://www.hcpc-uk.org/aboutregistration/standards/standardsofproficiency/>

If our assessment is that we require further information we will write to you asking for this. The assessors will inform you of the standards that you have not met and will ask you to provide further information to show that you do meet those standards.

If you are unable to provide satisfactory further information, you may be invited to attend a test of competence, where your skills will be assessed directly. If relevant further information is not received and a test of competence would not be appropriate, your application may be refused. If this is the outcome you will have the option to appeal this decision.

**Background checks**

All applicants applying for registration via the international route will be subject to background checking of their identity, qualifications and employment history before they are allowed to join the Register. Rule 5(1) of the Health and Care Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules 2003 authorises the HCPC to seek additional information about a registration applicant from any person or source it considers appropriate, for the purposes of satisfying itself as to the good character of the applicant. This may involve us contacting competent authorities and / or professional bodies, education providers and past employers in order for them to verify the information you have provided as part of your application. We may also employ an outside agency to conduct these checks on our behalf.

The verifications checks run consecutively to the assessment of your competency.

**Timeframe for processing your application**

We will endeavour to complete an initial assessment of your application within twelve weeks of the acknowledgement of receipt letter. However, if further checks are needed or we do not receive the information we require, this may take longer. We will contact you if we require any additional information from you. Please note that we cannot guarantee the outcome of an application and applicants are advised not to make arrangements that are reliant on you being registered (e.g. starting a job). Applicants who choose to make travel or work arrangements before knowing the outcome of their application do so at their own risk.

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