

## Yunnik Test Centre – Application for Admission to the Register Refused FAQs

### Where the NMC suspects fraud

**I have received a letter saying the NMC consider it is more likely than not that I obtained my CBT fraudulently. What should I do?**

If you still want to continue applying to be a nurse in the UK, you will need to re-sit your CBT and proceed with your application as normal.

When you apply, the NMC will refer your application to an Assistant Registrar because of the concerns they have about your honesty and integrity over your test. The Assistant Registrar may refuse your application if they have concerns that you acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

If you no longer want to continue with your application, you can let the NMC know and close the application. However, if you apply again in the future, your application will be considered by the Assistant Registrar as set out above.

**I have received a letter inviting me to take a new CBT. The NMC does not state that it considers that I obtained my CBT fraudulently. What should I do?**

If you still want to continue applying to be a nurse in the UK, you will need to re-sit your CBT and proceed with your application as normal.

The NMC considers all tests taken at Yunnick to be invalid due to evidence of fraud so is giving everyone who took their CBT at Yunnick, three opportunities to re-sit this. This is at no cost to you.

**My application has been refused, what should I do?**

You can either submit a fresh application with new evidence, or you can appeal the original decision.

**I have submitted an appeal, what do I do?**

The NMC will process the appeal but we advise that you also make a fresh application with new evidence. See our advice below.

## **RCN advice**

We advise you to make a fresh application for admission to the Register relying on your successful CBT re-sit. It's important that your new application also considers and addresses the NMC's reasons for refusal which will have been set out in the letter sent to you after the decision was made. Also include any other relevant information that you may have which demonstrates your health and good character.

### **What can I do to assist my fresh application before the Assistant Registrar?**

The NMC is using data that shows that there is a very low chance that you could have passed the CBT in the short time that its records show it took you in Yunnik. If you re-sit the test and pass in a similar short time, this would help demonstrate that your original test score was not achieved fraudulently.

However, if you re-sit and require multiple tests or pass in a slower time, the NMC will not use this as evidence that your original test was obtained fraudulently.

When considering what additional information would assist the NMC please look at this link:

[nmc.org.uk/globalassets/sitedocuments/nmc-publications/guidance-on-health-and-character/](http://nmc.org.uk/globalassets/sitedocuments/nmc-publications/guidance-on-health-and-character/)

You will need to demonstrate in your application a thorough understanding of the importance of honesty and integrity to the nursing profession. Testimonials speaking to your honesty and trustworthiness will assist. The testimonials should include:

- The name and signature of the writer;
- The date;
- Details of the writer's job title; how long they have known you and in what capacity;
- Any observations they can make about your character;
- Anything else they consider would assist the NMC in its decision-making process.

If this fresh application is refused by the Assistant Registrar then come back to us for further advice.

### **I am out of time to appeal my refusal or do not want to appeal it**

If you still want to be registered as a nurse by the NMC, you can make a fresh application. See our advice above.

If you are refused again, you can appeal as detailed below with a time limit of 28 days.

## **I want to appeal my refusal**

If you wish to appeal the decision of the Assistant Registrar, you need to appeal the decision within 28 days. Your refusal letter will specify the date by which you need to send the notice of appeal to the NMC.

Guidance on how to appeal is available on the NMC's website [here](#).

You can provide new information or evidence with your notice of appeal, or after you've submitted it but any new information or evidence must be received before the Assistant Registrar's consideration of your appeal.

If the Assistant Registrar decides that this new information addresses their concerns and satisfies them that you are capable of safe and effective practice, they can concede the appeal. This can lead to your appeal being determined without a hearing but will not always do so.

If your appeal requires a hearing, the NMC will try to list this within three to six months of receiving your appeal.

Outcomes:

If your appeal is successful, you will proceed with your registration as normal. If there is nothing left for you to do, you will be admitted to the Register.

If your appeal is unsuccessful, the refusal decision will stand. You have a right of appeal to the County Court, which you will have 21 days to do from the date of the refusal decision. Alternatively, a fresh application for admission can be made.