

This letter has been sent on behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) about concerns at the Yunnik Technologies Ltd test centre in Ibadan, Nigeria.

## General employer communication

Dear colleague,

You may have received an email update in May relating to our international registration process where we explained that we needed to look in more detail <u>at concerns raised with us</u> about potentially fraudulent activity at the Yunnik Technologies Ltd test centre in Ibadan, Nigeria. We are now in a position to update you on our regulatory approach to the concerns raised.

A brief word of explanation if you are not familiar with our process. When internationally educated nursing and midwifery professionals apply to join the UK NMC register to practise here, as part of the registration process we require them to pass a two-part <a href="Test of Competence">Test of Competence</a>. The first is a <a href="computer-based test (CBT)">computer-based test (CBT)</a> assessing their clinical and numeracy skills and the second, an <a href="objective structured clinical examination">objective structured clinical examination</a> <a href="COSCE">(OSCE)</a> which focuses on practical clinical skills. The test carried out at the Yunnik Technologies Ltd test centre in Ibadan, Nigeria was the CBT.

We have completed our initial investigation. While the majority of the individuals are not considered to have acted fraudulently, there is evidence of fraud at the Yunnik site that is widespread enough to mean we cannot be confident in any of the CBTs taken there. Therefore we consider all CBTs obtained at Yunnik to be invalid.

Steps we took to investigate

Firstly, we asked our test provider, Pearson VUE, to provide us with assurance that the data from Yunnik is accurate. Pearson VUE confirmed they're satisfied that there's no