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<p>Is this webinar for the international route only?</p>	<p>Yes, it is focussed on the international route as people have asked a lot of questions. If you want to know about the UK route to registration you can find information here <a href="https://www.ibms.org/registration/how-do-i-become-a-biomedical-scientist/">https://www.ibms.org/registration/how-do-i-become-a-biomedical-scientist/</a></p>
<p>I graduated less than ten years ago with Biomedical science degree from an IBMS accredited programme and currently work in corporate healthcare. I want to complete the IBMS portfolio to get registered with HCPC but struggling to find opportunities?</p>	<p>If you have an IBMS accredited degree, you will need to find a trainee position, associate practitioner position or MLA position in an IBMS accredited training laboratory. You can then agree when you can start your IBMS registration training portfolio</p>
<p>Do you have any specific tips or guidance as to how to find those roles and maybe stand out as an applicant? Appreciate your response(s)</p>	<p>You should think about the laboratory skills you have developed through your studies and have a look at the job descriptor and think of examples of things you have done that match the job descriptor. We discussed interviews etc at an IBMS Support Hub on preparing for interviews - scroll to the bottom of this web page <a href="https://www.ibms.org/resources/ibms-support-hubs-2023/">https://www.ibms.org/resources/ibms-support-hubs-2023/</a></p>
<p>A prospective registrant cannot get their overseas university to provide or otherwise sign-off information on the modules they took for their undergraduate degree. The candidate has their undergraduate degree certificate and a UK MSc - how do we proceed?</p>	<p>In the absence of module descriptors, we are not able to make a decision on what academic content they have completed so would not be able to do a degree assessment. Could they consider the IBMS equivalence route to registration?</p>
<p>I have a completed relevant (biomedical science) programme at a UK-based university. My undergraduate degree is not IBMS accredited, what do I need to do to get my degree accredited?</p>	<p>You will need to ask for the IBMS to do a degree assessment on your BSc and MSc to see if you need to complete any supplementary education. More information here <a href="https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/">https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/</a></p>
<p>What about international students who gain the qualification in UK universities?</p>	<p>This would be a degree assessment by the IBMS to see if you need supplementary education if your BSc was not IBMS accredited. More information here <a href="https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/">https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/</a></p>
<p>I am outside the UK and work in a medical/diagnostic health laboratory and I hold a biomedical/laboratory science BSc degree from my country. Is there any opportunity for me to register with the HCPC so I can practice in the UK?</p>	<p>HCPC - our assessors would need to consider your qualifications and professional experience in more detail. It is difficult within this information to provide you with a clear response. We encourage all applicants to read through the standards of proficiency carefully before deciding whether or not to apply via the international application route and pay the scrutiny fee. You will need to show evidence of how you satisfy all our standards before you can register with us. See here for more information: <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/eligibility/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/eligibility/</a></p>

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<p>I live overseas and English is not my first language; I have relevant undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications from UK universities and my degrees were taught in English. Can I submit evidence to get a waiver for IELTS?</p>	<p>HCPC - if you have self-declared English is not your first language, you will need to complete and provide evidence of an English language test. We only accept completion of a test as evidence of your English language proficiency. See here for more information about our test requirements: <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certificate-of-english-language-proficiency/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certificate-of-english-language-proficiency/</a></p>
<p>I hold a BSc degree from outside the UK, I am currently studying an IBMS accredited MSc Biomedical Science program. Can I proceed to register with the HCPC?</p>	<p>HCPC - you can either apply directly to us via our international route, or complete the IBMS Certificate of Competence, which upon completion, leads to HCPC registration.</p>
<p>If an individual is a member of the IBMS and is a Registered Scientist through the Science Council, are they eligible to apply for HCPC registration?</p>	<p>To gain registration with the HCPC if you have studied and work in the UK, you need both the academic content and to have completed the IBMS registration training portfolio in an IBMS approved laboratory. More information here - <a href="https://www.ibms.org/registration/how-do-i-become-a-biomedical-scientist/">https://www.ibms.org/registration/how-do-i-become-a-biomedical-scientist/</a></p>
<p>I have several years work experience overseas, and have had my Master's degree assessed by IBMS. I have been asked to do modules which I covered in my A-levels. I was told that A-level subjects are not covered in the assessment. Is there a way around it?</p>	<p>HCPC Registration is at graduate level, so only BSc and MSc modules can be considered for meeting the academic requirements. Your next steps will be finding a university to complete your supplementary education. A list of IBMS accredited programmes is here: <a href="https://careers.ibms.org/students/accredited-degree-courses/undergraduate-uk-courses/">https://careers.ibms.org/students/accredited-degree-courses/undergraduate-uk-courses/</a></p>
<p>I have a pure chemistry degree, with an MSc in Public Health Microbiology from the UK. Can these qualifications be used to register with the HCPC?</p>	<p>The IBMS will need to do a degree assessment to be able to tell. This would look at both your BSc and MSc modules. More information here: <a href="https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/">https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/</a></p>
<p>Do I need to provide an English test (like IELTS) result if I can provide certification that English was the language of instruction?</p>	<p>The HCPC require IELTS of 7.0 with no score below 6.5. See here for our English language requirements and the evidence we can accept: <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certificate-of-english-language-proficiency/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certificate-of-english-language-proficiency/</a></p>
<p>Does any other country recognise HCPC and IBMS accreditation?</p>	<p>No, the IBMS is UK based only for completing the registration training portfolio currently</p>
<p>Many international candidates train and work in a multidisciplinary workplace. I am aware that UK practice is a bit more compartmentalized. Is this a problem?</p>	<p>Not in and of itself. Our registrants do work across multidisciplinary teams often so this is suitable experience. It is important for applicants to read through the standards of proficiency to ensure they can evidence these. See here for more information:</p>

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Is there a pass-mark for IELTS?	<a href="#">Certificate of English language proficiency   (hcpc-uk.org)</a>
I've been told I need to do top-up modules for my non-accredited degree. Do I need to be study these at a recognised university in the UK, or can they be done anywhere???	An IBMS accredited degree programme in the UK. More information here: <a href="https://careers.ibms.org/students/accredited-degree-courses/undergraduate-uk-courses/">https://careers.ibms.org/students/accredited-degree-courses/undergraduate-uk-courses/</a>
For an individual registered via the HCPC international route, there is no clarity whether they are at BMS or Specialist BMS level, it is left for the employers to decide, leading to discrepancies. Would the IBMS / HCPC offer recommendations at which level these individuals are at, or potentially offer an exam/assessment they can sit to show specialist BMS level.	We can look at this and see if there is something the IBMS could offer.
When is the appropriate time to apply for IBMS application if one is currently doing Master degree	We will need a transcript from both your BSc and MSc to be able to do a degree assessment - more information here: <a href="https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/">https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/</a>
how do I submit my degree to IBMS to know if it is accredited?	More info here: <a href="https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/">https://www.ibms.org/registration/degree-assessment-for-hcpc-registration/</a>
Since all UK based applicants have to have a verification that is either in person or virtual why are international applicants not ALL required to have a test.	We are due to consult later in the year about changes to our English language requirements for applicants via the international route. This was covered in more information in the session.
Should I get my documents certified as authentic by a professional before submission?	Yes, any supporting documents you provide for the HCPC international application process must be certified prior to submission. See here for our requirements: <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certifying-your-documents/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certifying-your-documents/</a>
What is the HCPC application fee?	<a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/how-to-apply/paying-your-scrutiny-fee/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/how-to-apply/paying-your-scrutiny-fee/</a>
Are maths functional skills also assessed?	No requirement for functional maths skills
Will ECCTIS suffice for proof of English?	Not usually, as ECCTIS doesn't provide a breakdown of scoring across the four areas: listening, reading, writing, speaking, and thus can't be compared to IELTS.
I was biomedical scientist overseas, but I left my country and entered the UK as a refugee; I have indefinite leave to remain in the UK. I can't obtain certificates from my university or my other documents, what should I do?	Please contact <a href="mailto:international@hcpc-uk.org">international@hcpc-uk.org</a> and we can discuss the support we can provide those with refugee status through the application process.

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Is there a list of IBMS accredited labs available on the IBMS website?	Most NHS laboratories have IBMS approval to carry out training, some private laboratories also have IBMS training approval. The IBMS does not have a list that we release currently.
Are we required to take IELTS general, or IELTS academic?	Both IELTS tests are accepted by HCPC. See here for more information about the tests we recognise: <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certificate-of-english-language-proficiency/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/documents/certificate-of-english-language-proficiency/</a>
I have 3 Medical Technology diplomas. No degree was available in South Africa in the 1980s, only Technikon diplomas. Have many years of National and International experience in Clinical Pathology field, Point of Care Testing, Phlebotomy, Student - MLS - training, and Q A department. Would I be able to apply for HCPC registration?	HCPC - our assessors would need to consider your qualifications and professional experience in more detail. It is difficult within this information to provide you with a clear response. We encourage all applicants to read through the standards of proficiency carefully before deciding whether or not to apply via the international application route and pay the scrutiny fee. You will need to show evidence of how you satisfy all our standards before you can register with us. See here for more information: <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/eligibility/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/eligibility/</a>
what happens to an individual that hasn't renewed his registration due to travelling abroad for sometimes and wishes to get back on the register	See here: <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/registration-renewals/what-happens-if-i-dont-renew/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/registration-renewals/what-happens-if-i-dont-renew/</a>