

Dear AHPRA staff:

I am an overseas nursing student who affected by recent policy change of English Language Proficiency Requirements for Internationally Qualified Nurses. A few mouths ago we heard an appalling news that all nursing student will be required to achieve IELTS score of at least 7 in Reading and Listening, Writing and Speaking with an overall band score of 7 or greater or OET score of a B pass or higher in all four sections of the test in one test sitting and is effective for all new and continuing international students. I am writing to express our comment.

Your draft on English Language Skills Registration Standard is more reasonable than current policy. Obviously, current IELTS score requirement is quite high and strict standards for most of us. In fact, a person who got four 7s in IELTS dose not mean he or she a good nurse, and oppositely, a person who have not archive it does not mean he or she can not be a good nurse. Actually, most of us who study nursing course in university have competent English language skills as we passed our topics, exams and clinical placement successfully which are rigorous and impossible to be passed if English language requirement have not be reached. Moreover, current policy is unfair and inapplicable to the overseas students who **currently** study in university as it has a strong impact on us, we would not able to know it ahead of time and adjust our study plan in time. When we apply nursing course, we just made our decision according to former policy, requirements and our financial situation. Because of this change, we have to spend extra time and energy on achieving this requirement which was not a part of our original plan and will create enormous physical, economic and psychological burden on us and our family. In addition to the fact above, this change comes as a total surprise and will affect large-scale of people, some of us only have few mouths to prepare IELTS or OET exam and

meanwhile we also have concentrated study, exams and huge amounts of assignment from our university.

Finally, we only have a simple claim that you can reconsider and review your decision with discretion and take our interest into account. We hope that your draft on English Language Skills Registration Standard will be effective formally in near future. Hope this issue will be resolved satisfactorily. Thank you for your consideration and your effort to provide a good solution will be highly appreciated by all.

Best wishes

Yours faithfully

An Overseas nursing student

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Dear AHPRA staff :

I am a overseas nursing student, i have attatched my comments to your draft on English Language Skills Registration Standard in this email.

thanks for your consideration

with kind regards

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