

From: Kerry Whitehead
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To: Alyson Smith
Cc: Shane Raymond; Kathleen Almond
Subject: FW: SA Board of the NMBA feedback re: NMBA English language skills registration standard
Importance: High

Good afternoon Alyson

Thank you for granting an extension of time to provide a response to the draft NMBA English language skills registration standard.

The draft was tabled and discussed at the SA Board of the NMBA (The Board) meeting held on Friday 17 December 2010. Please find below the Board's response to the draft standard:

- The Board are of the view that the NMBA English language skills registration standard should apply to all **initial applicants** irrespective of whether or not their entry to practice nursing and/or midwifery education was taught and assessed in English. Therefore the Board offer the following amendments to the Standard for consideration of the NMBA;
- Paragraph 3 on page 1 of the English language skills registration standard states:
*The Board considers that applicants who have been taught **and** assessed in English in their tertiary, entry to practice nursing and/or midwifery education in the countries listed here should meet this requirement. The countries are: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America.*

In support of their feedback as indicated in dot point 1 the Board propose that paragraph 3 be removed from the Standard.

- Paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Standard states:
 1. *An applicant who has been taught and assessed in his or her tertiary, entry to practice nursing and/or midwifery education in English in the countries listed here: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and/or United States of America may be considered to have met the English language skills registration standard. For graduates from programs of study approved by the Board (as published at the Board's website at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au under Accreditation: Approved programs of study), it is a requirement that the head of school confirms to the Board that the applicant is safe to practise nursing and/or midwifery in a clinical setting, using the English language.*

The Board propose that paragraph 1 on page 2 be removed from the Standard.

- Paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Standard states: *All other applicants must submit evidence to the Board.....*

The Board propose to remove the word 'other' from paragraph 2 on page 2.

- Paragraph 8 on page 2 of the Standard states:
 8. *The Board reserves the right at any time to require an applicant seeking initial registration to undertake an English language test as specified by the Board.*

The Board propose that paragraph 8 on page 2 be removed from the Standard.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond and please do not hesitate to contact either Shane Raymond or myself should you require any further clarification in relation to this matter.

Kind Regards

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