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Hi ,

It is good to keep a standard of English in health profession but extreme care should be taken and examination should be conducted by AHPRA.

At the moment IELTS & OET have got their own standards as well as their own objective. They are not custom made to meet the actual standards of health profession.

The layout of IELTS & OET are not supporting what a nurse is expected.

IELTS & OET are not practical as they do not test the real life situation of a nurse.

In regards to English Standards I feel if a nurse has completed her studies in Australian University or TAFE , shouldn't have to sit for IELTS.

But as a control procedure AHPRA should provide a provisional Registration of such nurse with a condition that she has to work under guidance of a supervisor for year. AHPRA should give provisional registration in this case.

This nurse could have registratuion number as " **P -NSW -001-2010**" .

By having this ID , its easier it identify the status of nurse(Provisional), State(NSW) number will roll number and year of registration. After successful completion of provision period nurse could get full registration number as NSW-001-2010.

Other hand if a nurse who has comleted her studies overseas be required to sit for English tests to get the registration done.This would enable AHPRA upkeep the English standard in dept of Helath in Australia.

If AHPRA brings their own exam custom made to suit the profession in health practice

Then I feel every person who applies for registration be required to sit for this exam irrespective of where they completed their studies.

*Thanks,
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