

From: Maria Stathis
Sent: Friday, 14 January 2011 3:51 PM
To: Alyson Smith
Cc: Kathleen Almond; Chris Robertson
Subject: 9.5 Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Draft English Language Skills Standard for Consultation

Dear Alyson,

Comments from National Boards regarding Draft Consultation paper presented at the December Meetings.

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BACKGROUND

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) is aware of concerns raised by varying stakeholders about the clarity and implementation of the NMBA English language skills registration standard. In response to these concerns, the NMBA has drafted a proposed standard, which is intended to make the Board's requirements clearer to all stakeholders.

This draft standard has benefitted from extensive feedback provided on the initial standard, as well as comments provided in a recently completed internal consultation process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That members:

1. Note the proposed NMBA English language skills registration standard for consultation.
2. Consider the request for comment and if desired, provide feedback by the close of business Friday 14 January 2011.

National Board	Please delete according to board decision		Feedback / Action requested from Board
Medical	1 Agree	1 Don't Agree	Approve/Agree with conditions
	2 Agree	2 Don't Agree	
Chiropractic	1 Noted		Noted and agreed that the CBA does not propose to modify its English Language Standard at this time.
Podiatry	1 Agree		Approve/Agree with conditions
	2 Agree		
Optometry	1 Noted		The Board reviewed the document and did not have any comments.
Osteopathy	1 Agree		Noted – no comments
	2 Agree		

Dental				Considered and no comments made
Pharmacy	1 Noted			Members 1. noted the proposed NMBA English language skills registration standard for consultation, and 2. agreed to provide the following feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Board believes that the requirement for practitioner's secondary education to be completed in English should not be removed as this is consistently applied by National Boards in the public interest.
	2 Agreed			
Physiotherapy	1 Agree		Approve/Agree with conditions	
	2 Agree			
Psychology	1 Noted			Board may consider reviewing its English language standard in 2011 subsequent to the AHPRA research project on this issue.
	2 Agree	2 Don't Agree		

Kind regards,

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