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My name is Rekha and I am one among hundreds of nursing student in Victoria who enrolled before the origin of the new nursing board. When I joined for the nursing course, nurse's board of Victoria (NBV) was the registering authority for the nurses in Victoria. We all joined for nursing course with a clear understanding and assurance from NBV that, after completion of our nursing studies we are eligible for getting the registration with the board. But new nursing board (NMBA) ignored the future of current nursing students by implementing new rules. First of all when a new rule is implemented they should have considered the future of students who are already enrolled for the nursing course when NBV was operating in Victoria. We all joined for the course with a legitimate expectation that we could become registered nurses with NBV. But the new nursing board simply ignored us. We are happy about any new changes. But we all strongly believe that that there is no justification when there is one rule at the time of enrolment of the course and another rule after completion of the course. This is totally unfair for the current students.

1) NMBA is always changing the rules without a prior time frame. When NBV was operating in Victoria, they always change rules on first of July every year for international students. As domestic student, I cannot understand why we need to sit for another language test for registration. I would like to point that when a student enrol for the course, current rules should be applied for them. As you aware, Bachelor of nursing is 3 years duration and enrolled nursing is for 18months and when nursing board change the rules every time how do we know that what is going to happen after we finish the course. So students are in fear that whether they get the registration after all hardships of completing the course. This situation creates stress among students. Nursing course goes through tough assessments and exams to complete and after all these hard work, it is very unfair to students to ask them write another exam for assessing the language skills. We all joined for the courses in Australian institutions after fulfilling the pre-requisites for entry and there is no justification to sit for another test for getting registration. This is total discrimination for the nursing students. How many clinical placement we are going through in between our whole course and do you thing if we cannot communicate safely, how can we successfully complete the course?

2) I would like to request that we are not against any new rules. But when we joined for the course we all had legitimate expectations to become registered with nursing board. Please do not impose any new rules for the current students who enrolled before July 2010. we are paying huge amount of fees and putting lot of hard work to finish the course. Suddenly the nursing board make changes and it is really mental stress and nightmare for the nursing students.....

Thanking you
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