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To: Kathleen Almond
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Hi, Kathleen,

First, I am the person who is not in the medical industry, but by reading your draft, I think you made a right move.

For those students educated in Australia for the nurse degree should be allowed to be registered in Australian nursing board. If there was the case they are considered not meet the English standard, then they shouldn't be accepted by the course in university at the first place. It is simply not fair to them, they were accepted by university, and completed the degree according to Australian standard, then telling them their English is not good enough to be working as a nurse in Australia.

I agree, Australian people's safety should be taken as first priority, but the policy from government body should be taken always as fair and consistent. If you really concern the language standard issue, then we may tighten the requirement for the English language for entering the nurse degree course, but not to those graduates who already completed their course according to Australian standard.

Hope my comments may help.

Regards

George