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Dear Kathleen,  
How are you?

It is very happy to read the articles about English Language Skills Registration Standard (11/11/2010) and Endorsement as a nurse practitioner (12/10/2010). But I have some different opinions:

Firstly, it is quite reasonable to remove the single sitting in OET for meeting Nursing board's requirement (A or B in L, S, R, and W.). It is really a best idea for approaching RN that cumulate results of A or B for four parts in many times rather than one single sitting. Generally speaking, Australia has not got enough nurses to do nursing between in nursing homes and hospitals, plus aged people are increasing so quickly. Also, Australia is a less population country. So, removing the single sitting in OET and adopting the cumulate results in it is a fast way to collect nurses who are speaking English as the second language.

Secondly, working experience in nursing in overseas plus 2 years studying in Aus. with Bachelor degree and post graduate are overweight 3 years full time studying in Aus. According to the Endorsement as a nurse practitioner (12/10), a graduate can do an RN when completing 3 year full time studying without IELTS or OET, but from the new policy of Immigration (11/2010), Australia government consider the working experience is quite important as well as English skills. Therefore, in my opinion, a person who has worked overseas in medical care for many years plus two years full time studying in Australia need not have 7 for four parts in IELTS or B for L, S, R and W in OET.

It will be appreciated if you adopt the above ideas.

Kind regards,  
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