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To: Kathleen Almond  
Subject: Comments RE Registration Standard for English Language Skills

Dear Kathleen,

Please allow me say something regarding the registration standard for English Language Skills. I really hope the Board could re-define the concept of International Student. In my opinion, Australian Permanent Resident cann't be classified into this group. Although the second language of PR visa holders may be not English. But Permanent Residents have already passed IELTS test when on application of immigration.

As you know, it is not easy to find a stable job to new immigrants currently. So many permanent residents will consider to learn more things to improve their knowledge and skills. The biggest wish is to find a satisfied job in Australia ASAP, make contributions to this society instead of becoming a burden. If registration becomes a big barrier to the current nursing students or potential nursing students, I think most of permanent residents would give up this career or transfer to the other degrees or would not consider to study this course at all. As permanent residents, we just want a job with stable income. If it is too hard to obtain registration, we possibly will give up and change directions to other careers. Therefore, I don't think it is reasonable to request PR visa holders to attend IELTS or OET test when on registration. This way can only damage our confidence and cause more social employment pressure.

If the board wants to do so, all the previous registered nurses should be tested of English so as to show fairness. But it seems impracticable. What I suggest is the board could considereate to cancel the language requirement for the nursing students with permanent resident visa in Australia. Compared with internationals students, I think the Board should FIRSTLY ensure Australian Permanent Residents to obtain the rights of working as a registered nurse.

The above is my personal opinion. I really hope the Board can take it into account and pay more attention to our suggestion. Many thanks.

Regards  
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