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Sent: Monday, 29 November 2010 3:01 PM
To: Kathleen Almond
Subject: Re: English requirement consultation

Dear Kathleen,

We are writing about the English requirement for the graduates in 2010. We are nursing student who have been studying in Australia for 3 years and throughout the study, we have been told that once we graduate, we will be able to be registered. However, after the AHPRA was established on 1 July 2010, some of the students in our University, including me, have become really stressed because we have not done our high school in Australia and we are therefore required to pass the IELTS or OET.

The English exam should only be applied to people who finished their nursing course outside Australia in non-English language. We realize the importance of English language for public safety. However, after three years of English orientated education and clinical placement, we believe that we do not have any problems with communication. Furthermore, all of our facilitators agree. Requiring students who are graduating at the end of this year to pass IELTS or OET is particularly unfair because we were facing enormous stress in our academic study as well as the English exam. We do not have enough time to prepare the English exam in our last semester. We strongly recommend that the graduates in this year should be exempted from English exam.

We also realize that that these new English requirements are currently under review. If the changes are approved, we strongly suggest that they should be put in place as soon as possible and should apply to the students who are graduating this year. If we are excluded, we will be the most disadvantaged group of students who have been sacrificed in the healthcare transition process.

Thanks for your time.

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