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To: Kathleen Almond

Subject: regarding comment on consultaion of revising English Language Skills Registration Standard for the nursing and midwifery professions

Dear Kathleen,

We are writing this letter as nursing new graduates in 2011.

As one of the nursing graduates, we would like to welcome the revision on the English Language Skills Registration Standard. We understand and agree with the aim of the English requirements for international nursing students as communication is a vital skill for safe nursing practice in Australian health service. However, we believe we should be qualified as a registered nurse by successfully completing 2 to 3 years of full-time course at tertiary education.

We have already met English requirements prior to enter the university and studied under same condition as local students did. In addition, we have to complete all the clinical placements required during our courses. It is obvious that if overseas students did not have proper English skills, they would not be able to complete their course successfully.

We found the Australian universities strive to maintain their high education standard as they are accountable for their graduates. They assessed students with very strict academic standards. For example, the universities failed some international students who had problem with English skills especially in clinical placements and they had to repeat the subject; of course they could not graduate until they pass the subject.

For these reasons, Nursing and Midwifery Board should consider all university graduates including international students are eligible to be a registered nurse without approving English test result.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration and look forward to hearing good news on this matter.

Best regards,

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