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To: Kathleen Almond
Subject: English Language Skills Registration Standard - FEEDBACK

Hi Kathleen,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the above.

A number of issues have been identified by our registration team here in WA, these are as follows:

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A) The Board considers that applicants who have been taught and assessed in English in their tertiary, entry to practice nursing and/or midwifery education in the countries listed here should meet this requirement.

B) Test results need to be obtained with the two years preceding application for registration

Comment:

A) Should this read tertiary and/or entry to practice? Enrolled nurses do not complete their Diploma at tertiary level (university courses) therefore it implies that all enrolled nurses (and other non-tertiary educated nurses/midwives) would be required to sit an English examination.

B) Page 2 item 3 states that test results must not be more than 2yrs of age, then Page 2 item 4 states that IELTS Test Report can be older than two years subject to certain conditions. This is confusing. Suggest merging these two items into one.

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a) List of approved countries

b) It is a requirement that the head of school confirms to the Board that the applicant is safe to practise nursing and/or midwifery in a clinical setting, using the English language.

Comment:

A) Approved countries list does not include Zimbabwe, should this be included?

B) What sort of evidence will be required from the head of school as proof of this? Education providers do not routinely provide a statement of this kind when issuing course completion documents to graduates. What if the applicant completed their course many years ago and the university / school no

longer exists, how will they obtain this information? What evidence would be acceptable to the NMBA to meet this requirement?

We look forward to the outcomes from the public consultation process.

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