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To: Kathleen Almond
Subject: re: Registration

Dear Ms Almond,

We are graduates of Uni-SA. We commenced in July 2008 and chose to undertake the 2 year program as at that time the NMBSA had the English waiver in place. We were eligible for a shorter program due to our overseas qualifications and experience. When the change to the English language policy was notified, it was too late to change our study program to enable us to complete within the transition period. Hence, because our program completed in June 2010, we did not meet the nmbSA criteria for transition and our names were not forwarded to the nmbSA at that time. We successfully completed all requirements for the Bachelor of Nursing (IBNU), but some of us had to leave Australia before the visa expiry date which was 30/9/2010, and some of our classmates had to enroll to another rubbish course to get another further visa.

During the last half year of staying in Australia, we were all under a lot of pressure and suffering. we left Australia with our broken heart. After 2 months relaxation in our hometown, we realised that we were so stupid. Australia is a nightmare to us. Both of Nursing board (the policy making department) and us (the victim of policy change) are fully understand that **the English language Requirements is not the only way to protect the public, but it is the only way to cut down the number of overseas nurses.** It is unfair to us. The government has the responsibility to tell the students the truth before they enrolled the course.

It is a shame that we have set up a bad example for those who wants to go to Australia for further study, because we have learned a sad lessons. People can not understand why we could not get the registration after 2 years full time university study, although we were qualified RN in China and qualified EN in Singapore as well . We are not Julia Gillard who needs to make a speech . We should get the registration as long as we can communicate effectively with the patients and health staff.

Could the board please consider the possibility for our situation to be reviewed with regard to eligibility for registration. We are very appreciate for it.

Yours sincerely,

Li and Hong from China