

**From:** Jominy Soban [\[mailto:\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_\]](mailto:)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 December 2010 4:36 PM  
**To:** Kathleen Almond  
**Cc:** soban thomas  
**Subject:** consultation

Bachelor of Nursing Students

**Sub: the new changes on registration standards by AHPRA**

**Sir/ Madam**

We are writing this letter on the behalf of the international students from various universities across Victoria, currently doing or completed their Bachelor of Nursing. The recent regulations and policies by Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) affected about 250 students.

All the students who are affected by the changes were met requirement standards of registration at the time of admission. The courses run by various universities were accredited by Victorian Nursing Board and now accredited by NMBA. The affected students have been completed their secondary education and tertiary education (Nursing) from their home country which was taught and assessed in English. Apart from that the university has assessed all students' language proficiency to meet the university requirements at the time of enrollment. Moreover, we are graduate nurses from Australia like other local students and are asked to meet different registration standards. This is a kind of discrimination from the registration body against international students even though every student having the same qualification.

Both the universities and the nursing board promised that the students will get registration upon the completion of the course which we are enrolled in. The current issues make the students emotionally depressed and confused at present. It also leads us to a stage of fear and worried ourselves about the future. This course is invalid without registration in Australia and all other countries across the world. Could you please consider this issue as serious and make appropriate action as early as possible. We hope, we will get exemption from the new registration standards as we were entitled to the rules and regulations at the commencement of the course.

Thank You

Soban Thomas \_\_\_\_\_