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From: Songyu Dong [\[mailto:\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_\]](mailto:)  
Sent: Saturday, 27 November 2010 8:43 PM  
To: Kathleen Almond  
Subject: support the draft!

Dear Kathleen,

I strongly support this draft for revised English language skills registration standard for the following reasons.

1. The current policy is totally unfair because the international nursing students graduating this year met the standards when they started their courses but not on 1 July 2010. They had not received any prior or final notice of the changes and the students it would apply to.
2. The international students have been through rigorous academic assessment at Australian Universities and clinical placements in Australian hospitals. Therefore, I think that they should not have any problems with their English language communication skills in clinical settings.

I hope this new English language skills registration standard can be implemented as soon as possible so that the international nursing students graduating at the end of 2010 can be registered before student visas run out in March 2011.

Yours Sincerely

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