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Dear Kathleen

There are some ambiguities in the document - see comments below:

Need to clarify if students do their nursing degree in Australia that they DO NOT need to retest?

The summary section of the document clearly says:

“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. The countries are:

- Australia (etc)... “

This is in total contradiction to point 4 which says:

An IELTS (or approved equivalent) Test Report Form older than two years may be accepted as current if accompanied by proof that an applicant:

a) has maintained employment in the workplace as a nurse and/or midwife using English as the primary language of practice in a country where English is the native or first language or

b) is a registered student who was required to provided an IELTS of 7 or equivalent at the commencement of his or her program of study and who has successfully completed the program of study in a full-time or part-time capacity in English, in a period that is greater than two (2) years.

So one part is saying if they completed their degree in English (in Australia) they do not need to re-test and demonstrate an IELTS of 7 while the other part is saying this is only true if they enter with an IELTS of 7 to start with. Clarification on this is required.

Similarly, the new document makes no reference to the backdating to June 2010 - so is this still in effect or has sense prevailed and students currently enrolled are exempt (with incoming students from 2011 required to meet the standards (once standards are clarified). Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Regards

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