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To: Kathleen Almond
Subject: Draft English language skills registration standard

Hi Kathleen

Below are the comments of the Queensland Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board Board of Australia on the Consultancy Draft English language skills registration standard.

The Queensland Board considered the Draft language skills registration standard, in particular Requirement 1: "... 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."

Board: Approved:

1. That feedback be provided to the National Board on:
 - the Queensland Board's concern regarding the requirement for the head of school to confirm to the Board that individual applicants are safe to practise nursing and/or midwifery in a clinical setting, using the English language. The Board considers that the head of school can only confirm that an individual graduate has met the ANMC competences and that this already includes communication skills. Having an additional and specific reference to the English language could be confusing.
 - Guidelines should be developed to accompany the Accreditation Standards.
 - The Board's agreement that both enrolled nurses and registered nurses should meet the same English language standard.

Please confirm receipt of these comments.

Regards

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