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To: Standard Consultation
Subject: Proposed changes in English requirement for IMG'S

Hi there,

In reference to asking for consensus for English requirement for IMG's by AHPRA, I am extremely in favor of changing current English requirement for IMG's. I have given IELTS and OET several times and, even though I can communicate in English, I am so far unable to pass these exam. The reason is, each time in one module I get a little less score and then I need to repeat these exam as a whole. These exam is 100% unfair not only for IMG's but also those who are interested to enroll in University or just interested to pass English competency exam for their careers perspective. I believe, there are a good number of reasons why this exam is completely unfair.

- 1) No where in the world, one has to repeat whole exam if he or she fails in one subject.
- 2) Neither IELTS nor OET, provides test results with their feedback and suggestions. Hence, candidate has to struggle themselves or rely on attempts
- 3) These exams are so much constraint in time frame and contents of exam so much with twist and turn that It is difficult for anyone to choose one right answers even though for one who is a native english speaker.
- 4) the whole concept of this exam seems only making money by delivering contents of exam based on crosswords and puzzle which initially seems easy but under strict time frame becomes so challenging that you only recals God to save you at the end of the exam.
- 5) these exams don't give you any opportunity to learn English effectively and constructively to the candidates with non English background.
- 6) I reckon that these exams are the most profitable business in the world because they test human's speed of brain processing not language skill in true sense, thus, making this as a sport or game where no body knows who will win the game at the end.
- 7) My country is India where English is the only medium for teaching in medical and engineering fields. So I suppose, we would have sufficient knowledge of English when we become doctors after spending 10-12 years of medical training and education.
- 8) these attempts cost huge money, efforts and time, in some cases it jeopardize once life because of ever changing job opportunity and putting life at risk in other country where you have skills but can not work as your degree is not recognized.

Recently, I have given OET just one month ago, received my score B in all module except in one I got C...this is quite frustrating...as now I have to give this exam again as a whole. Similarly, two times same things happened with IELTS where I failed I got 6.5 in one module and 7 in rest of module.s Over 2 years I have give IELTS 7 times and OET 2 times..still I am unsuccessful.

On the other hand, I attempted AMC part one twice with just 2 1/2 months preparation, I passed without any undue efforts.

All in all, it would be great help if AHPRA consider to change their English requirement or suggest any alternative way like work based accreditation of experience or training for IMG's so that they don't have to wait long, sacrifice valuable time and efforts.

Kind Regards

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