

Good Morning,

I would like to make a short comment on criminal screening of all AHPRA applicants.(I am a Registered Nurse /Midwife from WA)

I feel, without exception, **all international health professionals** should be screened for criminal history.

Our standards should never be lowered. This may be tempting in light of the current health professional shortages, but it would be at the detriment of all our professions and ultimately the healthcare consumer.

Similarly, all NATIONAL applicants need to be honest on their application when stating they have not been convicted

of any criminal activity on their registration applications.

I understand this is a significant number of people but in this day and age there must be a way of cross referencing more efficiently to check for criminal convictions.

I take exception of having to pay for two or three different criminal screenings when they seem to all use the same data-base!

ie. Working With Children, Aged Care Clearance, Federal Police Clearance.

Many thanks
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