

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners response to:

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA)

- CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL BOARDS' ENGLISH
LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS

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Dear AHPRA,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the 'Public consultation on two further possible changes to the National Board English language skills requirements'.

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) is the national peak organisation for Nurse Practitioners, advancing nursing practice and consumer access to health care. A key focus for the role and scope of practice development for Nurse Practitioners is on unmet needs within the community and increasing access to health care.

In regard to the questions relevant to ACNP and its members, we provide the following response:

1. Do you support reducing the score for the writing component of IELTS by half a band to 6.5 (or equivalent for other accepted English language tests) as proposed in the Kruk review? Why or why not?

ACNP Response: Yes. This is a moderate, evidence based change, and will be slightly more achievable. This should not result in any communication issues in relation to the provision of safe and quality health care.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this important review.

Yours sincerely

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