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**Sent:** Monday, 25 November 2013 6:53 PM  
**To:** Standard Consultation

Dear AHPRA,

I am writing to response an email sent to me a while ago regarding changes in the language standard . To me, as a graduate nurse who is still trying to register to meet the 5 years equivalent study, the English standard is too high.

As well as this, many locals (these including permanent residents and citizens) have complained the fact they have spent a lot of money and time to meet the standard since the standard was changed in 2011.

As for me, AHPRA should be lenient to the community because we have been living here since we passed the immigration procedures and the purpose to get certificate of registration is to get a job. I think community comes first and international students come second. In the USA for an example, community always comes first and aliens come second.

When you asked me as to whether we should enable Singapore, Hongkong and Malaysia to emigrate to Australia, on one side I say the English language proficiency in Singapore is atrocious. It can be described as a cross between Hokkien chinese and a sing song of tonal language resulting in the English language being totally unintelligible. I visited Mt. Elizabeth hospital in Singapore and many doctors who involved with the care of my parents spoke English and Cantonese. Other thing Singapore English (Singlish) is not good is because parents speak English and Cantonese (Hokkien) to their children at home.

As you know, Singapore is a developed country and once touted as an Asian's tiger. They are constantly trying to attract many students from neighboring Asian countries to study English in Singapore or to pursue careers at universities in the island. If this how they will speak English after graduating in the island, the authorities can be charged, may be for fraud since whatever language they are being taught, is certainly not English.

On the other hand, I can not generalise that all Singaporeans do not have good English. I believe majority of the population speak good English with correct grammar as well. These include, professionals who work at banks, offices speak good English. It all depends.

As for Hongkong and Malaysia, I have no comments because I have never visited the countries before. May be Hongkong is ex British colony, this is as to why they use English at schools.

As for South African, I disagree with the idea that they are going to be phased out. English is their mother tongue. I had South African lecturer who spoke beautifully like the English. There are no reasons to phase them out.

I hope AHPRA will consider the 5 years equivalent study to substitute the English exam to the community . Because studying is about investing time and money and hard work. In the event the application is refused, please state a reason as to why. Thank you

Regards

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