As a Nurse, I do understand and encourage that AHPRA should set an acceptable IELTS score for overseas registered nurse/midwife. It is important that we can communicate properly with our patients. A Minimum IELTS band 7 is acceptable, however, I do appeal that AHPRA should be more considerate. For example, a person scores 9 in listening and reading, 7 in speaking but 6.5 in writing with an overall average of 8. They should at least allow this person to register regardless of the 0.5 difference in writing.

I just like to appeal that maybe they can lower the minimum for the individual score to 6.5 but should maintain an overall average of Above 7.

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