

OBA English language decisions

October 2009 decisions

Item 3.1.1 English language requirements

Members:

1. agreed, subject to the views of other national boards, to include the revised draft English language requirements registration standard in the Board's consultation paper at Attachment B, in the final version of the paper to be released on 27 October 2009, and
2. to include the following comments on the proposed standard in the Board's consultation paper (unless otherwise addressed by the editor, eg typos):
 - a. The definition of international student should be amended to remove the words "in any country other than those specified in exemption 1". This would also ensure that exemption 1 does not apply to French Canadians, and
 - b. It would be better to say the board reserves the right to revoke an exemption rather than the board reserves the right to require testing.

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Item 3.3 Feedback so far on English language and [REDACTED] requirements

Members:

1. noted the further feedback on the English language and [REDACTED] requirements standards, especially the feedback from national boards
2. noted that the draft common standards are proposed as a minimum to which boards can add any additional requirements
3. agreed to the new versions of the English language and criminal history standards at Attachments A and B as the basis for the final versions of the standards to be considered by boards in December, and
4. noted that a further paper with additional information and any changes arising from the consultation process will be provided out of session after the consultation period closes, to facilitate finalisation of the standards in December 2009.

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Item 3.2 Revised common English language standard

Members:

1. noted that the proposed common English language standard now contains provision for Board-specific content, and
2. agreed to the revised version of the common English language standard at Attachment C, subject to:

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- a. making the following further modifications that the Board considers necessary:
- i. rewording the first requirement to be clearer
 - ii. deleting paragraph 1(e)
 - iii. referring to numeral 1 in 1(b)
 - iv. taking out the words in exemption 1 (b) "where English is the native or first language".