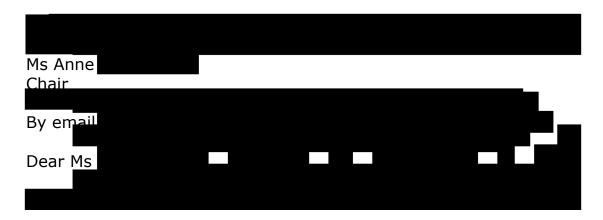


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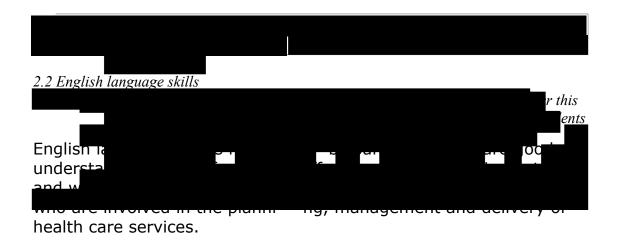
Specific Comments

A. Registration Standards and Related Matters





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Subject to the exemptions listed in the draft standar d, and to protect the safety of patients, defini tions need to be inclusive of all persons including entry-to-practice and postgraduate students.

Whether the references under 1(a) should be amended to:

- clarify the secondary education to ensure that English is the medium of instruction
- remove the list of countries.

The proposal to amend wording under 1(a) would assist to minimize any ambiguity in interpretation.

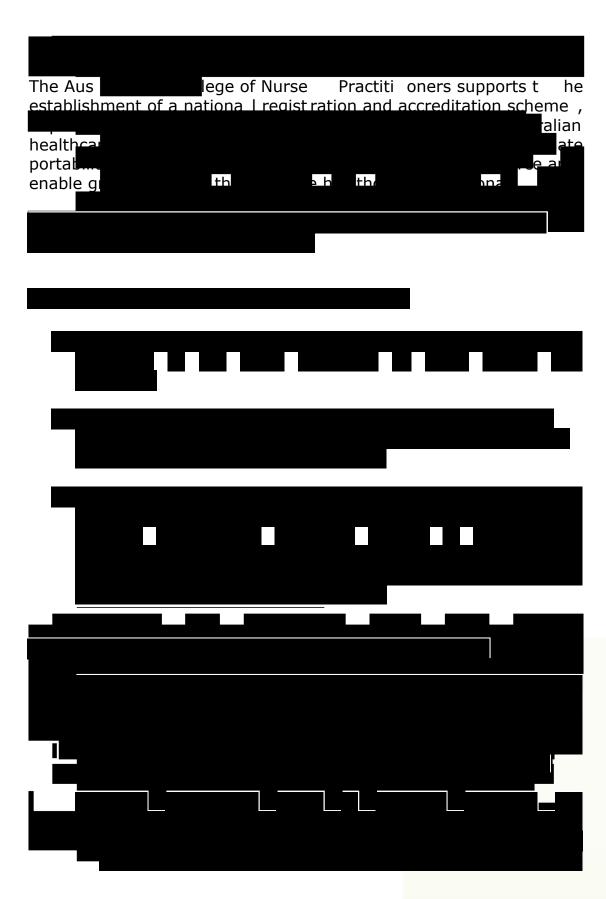
The list of prescri bed countries is unnecessarily restrictive. The countries listed could be provided as examples or, alternatively, removed.

3.1 Requirements for nurse practitioners



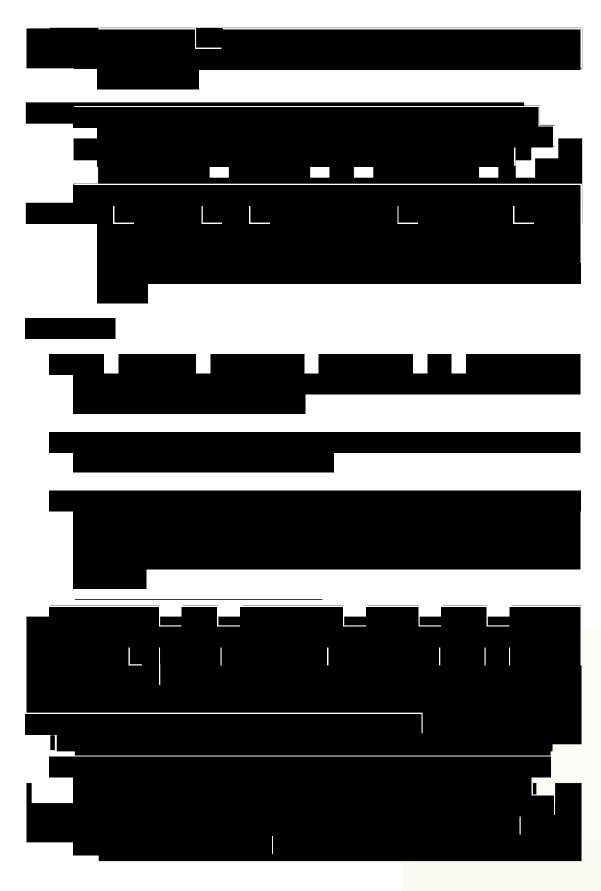


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