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Dear Sir/Madam

As a member of public and also as a medical practitioner , I definitely would agree that doctors with unsatisfactory language skills can put Australians at risk.having said that, many of regulation with regards to language skill testing seem really unfair to doctors as well as communities in need. As a medical practitioner, personally know a number of doctors who strongly believe the language testing, is becoming more a money game for institutions managing the tests. While theoretically different testing system all claim to be systemically unbiased, in practice, I personally have seen many things in contrary,being subjective(rather than objective) in sensitive areas of language such as writing or speaking, is an example to name among many.

It is understandable however that a pass score is inevitable. This is obvious but mandating a doctor to achieve scores higher than pass mark in all areas in one go, rather than letting them to sit just for the modules they failed, is really illogical.

Briefly , I would suggest:

- 1-AMC, to make its exams,namely AMC MCQ, more difficult,to make it a better screening tool to absorb quality doctors.
- 2.relaxing language testing requirements so the doctors would only need to sit for the modules,they have not been successful on their previous attempts.

Regards  
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