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To whom it may concern,

In regards to AHPRA's call for public consultation on the review of the criminal history registration standard and the English language skills registration standard, please see our feedback below.

Criminal history registration standard

We consider this standard to be working well, with no significant issues having occurred to our knowledge.

We find the existing standard clear and relevant and we do not note anything that needs to be added or amended.

We prefer 'Option 1 – Status quo' in this review.

English language skills registration standard

We consider this standard to be working well, with no significant issues having occurred to our knowledge.

We agree that the countries recognised in the standard be consistent with those countries recognised by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for exemptions from English language testing. We believe the standard should be guided by the Department and changes to the standard should only follow changes by the Department.

The National Boards should approach test results that are very close to, but slightly below, the current standard on an individual basis. Applicants should have the opportunity to sit this test more than once in these instances, but we agree with the IELTS and feel the test should continue to be sat in its entirety.

We find the existing standard clear and relevant.

Please direct any further questions to:

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Regards,

Australasian Podiatry Council.