Dear Agent

The Nurses Board of South Australia has recently made changes to its requirements for registration to practice as a registered nurse in South Australia.

To align the Nurses Board of South Australia’s (NBSA) English Language Proficiency Requirements with ANMC’s National Standards for the Assessment of Internationally Qualified Nurses and Midwives, the Board has approved an amendment to the requirement for individuals applying for registration or enrolment as a nurse or midwife in South Australia must achieve either an:

Academic IELTS score of at least 7.0 in Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking with an overall band score of 7.0 or greater

OR

OET score of a B pass or higher in all four sections of the test (Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing).

Effective from 1 January 2010 all new and continuing international students who are enrolled in an nbsa approved course leading to registration as a nurse or midwife, or enrolment as a nurse, will be required to meet the requirement listed above.

Effective from 1 January 2010, English language proficiency waivers previously approved by the Board will be rescinded.

For this reason you must keep in mind that whatever English language test score you enter with at the time of initial enrolment at University you will still be required to sit the Academic IELTS or OET in order to apply for registration to the Nursing Board.

Please ensure that this important information is relayed to your counselling staff and prospective students but most importantly to applicants who are planning to accept an offer to the University.


Yours sincerely

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