

The Secretary,
Standing Committee on Health and Ageing
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(Overseas Trained Doctors)
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Subject: English proficiency exam again and again

STANDING COMMITTEE
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am an overseas trained doctor, who has been living in Australia for more than five years. I passed my OET exam in 2006 with B grades in all the modules in a single attempt. According to the Medical board, it expires after two years and I have to do it again.

I have attempted OET six times now but I could not get B grade in all modules.

My question is, if someone has passed OET once, why does he/she have to do it again. Secondly, if you get B grade in one module, as a rule, you should be exempted for that particular module.

I am distressed and disturbed because I can not practice in my own profession. I am a highly qualified person and have wasted five precious years of my life in Australia, doing nothing.

I am not the only doctor, a lot of other doctors are also facing the same situation.

Kindly, look at the matter urgently.

My OET results are enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely



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