

**Submission No. 151**

(Overseas Trained Doctors)

Date: 4/07/2011

Re: Recognition of OS trained doctors

Please scrutinize the English assessments i.e. IELTS and OET requiring a rating of 7 on the former and 4 Bs on the same day for the latter for these candidates.

If candidates can pass the medical exam, they must have a high standard of reading ability to be able to read and answer the questions in the required time. One doctor with whom I am associated passed the medical exam over three years ago and has failed the reading component of the OET more than 8 times while passing the other components. I have previously forwarded a copy of Part A of the reading test for OET as an example of the ridiculous requirement of this test. The cost of \$520 each time is prohibitive.

Other situations I have heard about. Two young Australian students who were not accepted into the medical program in Australia went to Ireland and completed their medical degrees. They are presently having to re-sit the English tests because they cannot practice here until they pass. One OS trained nurse has passed the Master of Nursing degree from Melbourne University but cannot pass the required English test so is working as an Assistant in Nursing. This is lunacy.

Do we really want OS trained professionals or do we want to make money out of them?