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I am an Overseas Trained Medical Professional who has successfully passed English proficiency examination and Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) examination in theory and Clinical examination in practical to gain Australian Medical Council (AMC) Graduation required by Australian Medical Council. After obtaining graduation I applied for the registration to NSW Medical Board but to the date I have not been granted a registration in order to work as a medical practitioner.

I am an Australian Citizen and have over 23 years experience as a General Practitioner in India.

The NSW Medical Board changed its English proficiency requirement policy in early 2007. The policy states that all AMC graduates who are seeking a medical board registration must provide English proficiency examination results not more than two years old at the time of internship (one year supervised training). I provided my English proficiency examination result which was a mandatory requirement of AMC before appearing in their MCQ theory and Clinical practical examinations.

I completed all my exams in June 2007 and the new English policy was imposed from 1st July 2007. The NSW Medical Board imposed the new English requirement policy to successful AMC graduates and those who plan to seek AMC graduation. By law the new policy shall only be applicable to the applicants who became AMC graduates after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007. In 2007, the Medical Boards throughout Australia including NSW granted hundreds of registration to Overseas Trained Doctors on the basis of their English proficiency but not AMC graduation.

I approached several politicians

All these politicians have favored my registration request to the board but the board has refused all the requests.

According to Health Act 1992, medical registration is only granted to those doctors who have successfully obtained AMC graduation. According to the above law I have completed all the requirements but to date I have not been granted the registration by NSW Medical Board or Australian Medical Board to work as a medical professional in Australia.

I financed thousand of dollars and my precious time to obtain AMC graduation and registration.

After passing the English proficiency examination, I remained in Australia since. I do not think that the level of my English skills has lowered. I believe that the validity of English proficiency for two years is totally wrong especially if a medical professional remains in English speaking country.

I have suffered a lot because of this inappropriate English policy. I am very frustrated and depressed. My whole family has been suffering from depression. I sometimes struggle to get a decent sleep because of this uncertainty of my future.

I permanently migrated to Australia in 2001 and brought about \$20,000 which I have already financed to obtain English proficiency and AMC graduation.

Due to this new English policy, I have appeared in the same OET English exam for 11 times over the last 3 years and passed 3 skills several times but failed in 4<sup>th</sup>. This endless saga is continuing and now it is causing adverse effects on my performance and health.

I believe that some authorities have put a "Red Label" on my name which is causing problems in my success. I strongly believe that I have performed well in OET several times but I have been failed in one component deliberately. That is why I had to approach several politicians and few federal agencies such as Ombudsman. I have spent about \$8,000 to pay the OET fees and few preparation courses and I need to pass the above exam once only.

I feel hopeless and helpless. I hope that you will raise my issue in the Senate or parliament. You have my permission to use my name if required.

Yours Sincerely,



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