

## **Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia**

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As an established medical imaging recruitment agency, we are regularly involved with assisting overseas graduates gain registration in Australia. We are very familiar with the Australian Institute of Radiography's overseas assessment process and in the current requirements for each state's registration processes. We would like to highlight a concern with the current draft, as detailed below.

### **Attachment 3. Draft registration standard: English language skills**

Under the current draft, there is the potential for South African passport holders, who have completed their study in English to avoid the requirement for English testing when pursuing the registration process. Applicants holding Singaporean passports are not eligible for exemption, although the A.I.R. does not require Singaporean passport holders to submit IELTS or OET results.

We feel there is inconsistency with the Australian Institute of Radiography (A.I.R.)'s current requirement for all passport holders of countries whom are not on the A.I.R.'s exempt list (as listed below) to undertake English testing. This is irrelevant of whether their course was undertaken in English or not.

Taken from the A.I.R.'s website below

**Note:** If an applicant is an Australian citizen or a passport holder from : United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, United States of America (USA), Republic of Ireland or Singapore, they are **not** required to provide evidence of understanding and fluency in English.  
A certified copy of passport must be included with the application.

### **General**

There is no indication of the role of the A.I.R. in the Draft document. Will there be any recognition of applicants who hold a Validated Statement of Accreditation issued by the A.I.R., although may not hold a current registration with one of the approved state Medical Radiation Practitioner Registration Boards?

Will The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (AHPRA) be recognised as an approved assessment body for candidates applying for any permanent visa subclass with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship of Australia or will the Overseas Qualification Assessment Panel (OQAP) of the A.I.R. remain as the only approved authority?

We thank you for the opportunity to comment and look forward to further information.