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I would like to submit few more additional points in my current submission.

1. Before 1st of July 2007, there was no validity (time limit) of the English Proficiency the OET exam. Therefore, less than two years English result rule must be applied to the new AMC graduates and non AMC graduates (IMGs) who started the examinations process after the above date. A copy of my English result is annexed.

(Note: I successfully passed all my AMC examinations and English Proficiency the OET with 4 B in May 2007).

2.The NSW Medical Board introduced a new English Proficiency policy from 1st of July 2007 that all IMGs must provide less than two years and one sitting English result at the time of registration. Furthermore, the Medical Board wrote to one of doctor who had the similar situation "The January 2007 AMC intake was the last intake whereby the Board accepted old results from AMC graduates which they submitted to the AMC prior to the MCQ exam". A copy of this letter is annexed.

I understand that the new English policy was not properly set up and dozen of doctors who were close to completing the AMC process severely disadvantaged?

3. At the same time the AMC moved away by its mandatory English requirement and announced that all IMG graduates can precede the medicine exams such as the MCQ and the clinical with out English proficiency and

these successful AMC graduates will provide the English result to the board at the time of registration. .

4. The Boards never asked the English from the successful AMC graduates in the past because they knew that they already submitted this to the Council prior to the medicine exams. They were only responsible to demand the above English result from IMGs who applied for registration directly in area of need or specialist pathway category etc.

5. I was one of those who successfully passed all the AMC examinations, passed the English Proficiency the OET with B grade in writing, B grade in Speaking, B grade in Listening and B grade in Reading .Unfortunately just because of this result being more than two years old , I have been unable to start my one year supervised training program (internship) yet.

6. I received my 20th times resit OET result last week. I have passed the speaking skill 18th times but they failed me 19th and 20th attempts. I have passed the AMC medical exams and have recently passed the post graduate Diploma (Diploma in Child Health from the Westmead Children Hospital with 87 % in oral exam .I have been living in Australia for many years and now driving a Cab. I do not think that my speaking skill has deteriorated in the last few months? From my point of view this type of variations specially in speaking is unusual.

7. According to the AMC letter 31/05/07,

“Under State and Territory Medical Acts, registration is available to doctors who have passed the AMC examination, have obtained the AMC certificate and satisfied the registration requirements of the relevant Medical Board”.

I believe that I have satisfied all the relevant requirements of the Board such as English OET with 4 B grade, mentally and Physically fit person, having no criminal record etc. After successfully completing all the requirements in May 2007, I have been living in Australia and trying to pass the same OET with 4 B again and again which I did in the past. Additionally, I have applied to the board for waiver of this English requirement several times.

I have lost my precious time and thousand of dollars in doing the endless English exam again and again.

I would highly appreciate it if the Committee could review my case and others who are in similar situation to allow us to start one year supervised training as soon as possible.

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely Yours,

Handwritten signature and date: 17/01/11

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