

Hello,

I'd like to provide comments on the mandatory registration standards for OT being proposed for next year.

While the theory of it all sounds good, the "start from scratch" approach will inconvenience many, many, many OTs- unnecessarily,

The same end can be achieved by a different means- simply accept the data from the four OT registration boards (of bonafide members who have passed through these checks and balances before they were registered with their respective boards). Also, import data from the OT Association of NSW, Victoria etc as members who belong to these associations have "already passed the muster" in terms of providing proof of OT qualification. There are so many OTs who have paid registration or membership fees of between \$360- upto \$505 a year to belong to OT boards or OT associations- atleast let some good come out of the monies they have been paying!

The only people who should be made to jump through these hoops are people who are registering for OT for the very first time in Australia.

Also, why not accept IELTS general version, as this is the version that most immigrants were required to write, before migrating to Australia. To ensure consistency, the board could suggestion cut off scores as 7 for Academic version, or 8 for general version.

Also, 5 years of practising as an OT is too high a requirement- 2 (maximum 3) is more appropriate.

Kind regards,

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