

To whom it may concern

I would like to provide feedback of the proposed mandatory registration standards to you for consideration.

I would like particularly address the English language skills. I understand it is a very important requirement and I also agree it is necessary to be assessed for international qualified therapists and therapists who don't speak their mother language in English. However, I don't think it is necessary to request therapists who are qualified in the tertiary OT course in Australia to go through the English test again and to be reviewed every three year because the requirement of entry to the tertiary OT course in Australia is the same as this proposed requirement. In COTRB skill assessment, the therapists who are qualified in the tertiary OT course in Australia is in the exemption. Also, the therapists who graduated from the tertiary OT course in Australia were assessed and taught in English and were acknowledged by the education institution and health services. Therefore, I personally don't think it is a fair request for therapists who are qualified in the tertiary OT course in Australia to spend that amount of time and money to obtain the English results and we could use our time and money more effectively to develop our professional knowledge and practice to meet the registration standards.

Thanks very much for reading it through, and hope you would be able to take my opinion into consideration.

Warm regards

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