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Hello,

Thanks a lot for giving us this opportunity to feedback on how we, international medical candidates, are tested and to what level.

From my past experience with OET, all I can say that the only hold up in fulfilling my dream, working as a GP in Australia, will be is to pass English proficiency barrier (would it be via IELTS or OET). I came specifically to prepare for IELTS and OET to Australia earlier this year and took full training courses (4 months, leaving my whole family behind in my home country) on both and failed to obtain the pass marks after completing the studies.

What I think will be helpful is indeed to relax the requirements and maybe allow us to at least have conditional status as oppose to fail or pass results. This conditional status may help to obtain proper work class visa for us then both work and naturally excel our English whilst in English speaking environment/on job practice.

Also, as the OET is only run in few places around the world, moreover places where doctors aren't required to even demonstrate the proficiency in English. I would have thought that moving the centres into the countries where the students are required to demonstrate the proficiency in English (similar to IELTS). I would recommend countries which have high standards of educations and their diplomas are recognised worldwide such us Russia, Turkey and Eastern European countries such as Ukraine, Belorussia, Georgia etc.

Best regards and thanks again for opportunity to listen to our feedback.

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