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Welcome to all. The previous issue of our News Letter had an article on “Requirements to Become a Registered Nurse in U.S.A: “CGFNS”, “NCLEX-RN”. Now the next article is on “IELTS”

3. IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

IELTS, or '*International English Language Testing System*', is an international standardized test of English language proficiency. It is jointly managed by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, the British Council and IDP Education Pty Ltd, and was established in 1989.

There are two versions of the IELTS: the **Academic Version** and the **General Training Version**:

- The Academic Version is intended for those who want to enroll in universities and other institutions of higher education and for professionals such as medical doctors and nurses who want to study or practice in an English-speaking country.
- The General Training Version is intended for those planning to undertake non-academic training or to gain work experience, or for immigration purposes.

It is generally acknowledged that the reading and writing tests for the Academic Version are more difficult than those for the General Training Version, due to the differences in the level of intellectual and academic rigour between the two versions.

IELTS is accepted by most *Australian, British, Canadian, Irish, New Zealand and South African* academic institutions, over 2,000 academic institutions in the United States, and various professional organizations. It is also a requirement for immigration to Australia and Canada.

An IELTS **Result** or **Test Report Form** is valid for two years.

In 2007, IELTS tested over a million candidates in a single 12-month period for the first time ever, making it the world's most popular English language test for higher education and immigration

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IELTS Characteristics

The IELTS incorporates the following features:

- A variety of accents and writing styles presented in text materials in order to minimize linguistic bias.
- IELTS tests the ability to listen, read, write and speak in English.
- Band scores used for each language sub-skill (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking). The Band Scale ranges from 0 ("Did not attempt the test") to 9 ("Expert User").
- The minimum overall band score of 7 is required for Nurses and Midwives.
- The speaking module - a key component of IELTS. This is conducted in the form of a one-to-one interview with an examiner. The examiner assesses the candidate as he or she is speaking, but the speaking session is also recorded for monitoring as well as re-marking in case of an appeal against the banding given.
- IELTS is developed with input from item writers from around the world. Teams are located in the USA, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and other English speaking nations.

IELTS is the world's proven English test. Over 1.2 million candidates take the test each year to start their journeys into international education and employment.

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3. Nurses-Careers-Abroad also proposes to establish a "NURSES-BLOG" on the website for the Nursing Fraternity. Look for it at www.nurses.careers.abroad.com
