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*Welfare students to face tougher IELTS*



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Dear Students

Welcome to the new subscribers of IMMIGRATION NEWS, published by Australian Immigration Law Services.

It has been the season for changes in skill assessment procedures and now it's the time for the Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers (AIWCW).

## **Future Change to the IELTS Requirements For Welfare Workers**

From the beginning of January 2010 it is going to be tough to gain a skill assessment as a Welfare Worker where you will need a new high level of English requirement of 7.0 Overall Academic IELTS.

I have reproduced below the information released by the AIWCW;

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**“As a professional welfare worker in an industry where communication is an important part of dealing with people and their problems, it is essential that the welfare worker can communicate competently and safely with clients and their families, colleagues and other relevant professionals - including representatives in the community services and other aligned industries. It is essential that the professional welfare worker has a proficient English language skill.**

**With effect from 1 January 2010, applicants requesting admission to membership of the Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers, including recognition of qualifications for assessment as a welfare worker for the purpose of migration to Australia, must provide evidence of a proficiency in the English language of not less than an Overall Score of 7.0 in the Academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test. The required scores must appear on a Single Test Report form and must not be more than two (2) years old when the Application for Assessment as a Welfare Worker is submitted. An original copy of the IELTS test report is required.**

Information about IELTS tests and testing centres can be found at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).

**Exemptions to this requirement will be granted to Australian permanent residents and Passport holders from the following countries if their academic qualification was taught in the English language:**

- **Australia**
- **Ireland**
- **Singapore**
- **United States of America"**
- **Canada**
- **New Zealand**
- **United Kingdom**

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### **Nice To Be Fairly Treated**

Current students can breathe easy for there will be enough time to finish their two year Diploma of Community Welfare before the new rules take effect. If you know someone who is planning to come to Australia later to do this course then perhaps you should let them know.

Isn't it nice to see a skill assessment body being considerate to those students who have already paid many thousands of dollars to begin their courses.

Perhaps that can be explained by the philosophy of a caring profession who's members are trained to be considerate of what other people experience. It is a shame that the Trades Recognition Australia bosses didn't have the same approach when announcing their recent rule changes.

Can someone at TAFE please invite the skill assessment manager at TRA into your Welfare course?

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