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Dear Boards of Nursing,

In 2022, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Office of Global Health (OGH) published their updates to the list of approved testing services and minimum passing scores to demonstrate proficiency in the English language for foreign healthcare workers seeking an occupational visa as a healthcare practitioner in the United States. These English language standards are a required component for issuance of our Visa Screen® and CGFNS Certification Program® (CP) certificates. For Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) is used to advise state boards of nursing (SBONs) on English language proficiency.

Please know that while HRSA has accepted additional English Language Proficiency (ELP) agencies, state boards of nursing (SBONs) are not obliged to accept them. It will be at the discretion of your SBON and/or health professionals administration to determine which, if any, additional ELPs you would like to accept.

CGFNS International, Inc currently uses the HRSA standards but suggested modifications to the speaking requirements. We believe that the required speaking scores for Pearson PTE are not aligned with those of other

tests; based on our discussions with Pearson, we recommended a minimum score of 63 (instead of 50) for that section.

Effective December 01, 2024, CGFNS will require a minimum PTE speaking section score of 63 (instead of 50).

Link to the HRSA website:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/office-global-health/foreign-healthcare-worker-requirements>

I will schedule meetings to address questions you may have regarding this update and any other ELP examination questions you may have. As always, feel to contact me at efuller@cgfns.org if you have any questions.

Best,

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