

Joint communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Members and the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council Board Directors Forum

11 March 2015 in Melbourne

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) is responsible for the regulation of nurses and midwives. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) works in partnership with the NMBA to facilitate the provision of high-quality education for nursing and midwifery.

NMBA and ANMAC – a national regulatory partnership

The purpose of a joint forum (the Forum) between the NMBA and ANMAC is to build a strong collaborative relationship between the organisations. Membership of the Forum comprises:

- members of the NMBA
- members ANMAC
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency staff:
 - Executive Director, Strategy and Policy
 - Executive Officer, Nursing and Midwifery
- Chief Executive Officer, ANMAC.

The first meeting in 2015 of the Forum was held in Melbourne on Wednesday 11 March 2015.

The Forum members discussed the following matters.

- Updates to the National Scheme – particularly the current review of the National Scheme.
- Matters relating to internationally qualified nurses and midwives seeking to be registered and work in Australia.
- Research opportunities and priority areas that may be suitable for joint research.
- The meeting also included presentations from:
 - Maureen McCarty (Health Reform Branch, Department of Health) on Australia's Future Health Workforce and Nursing Sustainability Reports, and
 - Janine Mohamed, (CEO of Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives) on the work of the congress in supporting its members and in closing the gap in health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The next forum is planned for October 2015.