



Application for general registration

Type: For nurses or midwives currently holding provisional registration

Profession: Nursing and Midwifery

Section 77 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law)

This form is for nurses and midwives currently holding provisional registration who wish to apply for general registration as a nurse or midwife in Australia. It is important that you refer to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) registration standards, codes and guidelines before completing this application, available at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au



This application will not be considered unless it is complete and all supporting documentation has been provided. Supporting documentation **must** be certified in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) guidelines. For more information, see *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

Privacy and confidentiality

The Board and Ahpra are committed to protecting your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). The ways the Board and Ahpra may collect, use and disclose your information are set out in the collection statement relevant to this application, available at www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy.

By signing this form, you confirm that you have read the collection statement. Ahpra's privacy policy explains how you may access and seek correction of your personal information held by Ahpra and the Board, how to complain to Ahpra about a breach of your privacy and how your complaint will be dealt with. This policy can be accessed at www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy.

Symbols in this form



Additional information

Provides specific information about a question or section of the form.



Attention

Highlights important information about the form.



Attach document(s) to this form

Processing cannot occur until all required documents are received.



Signature required

Requests appropriate parties to sign the form where indicated.



Mail document(s) directly to Ahpra

Requires delivery of documents by an organisation or the applicant.

Completing this form

- Read and **complete all questions**.
- Ensure that **all pages** and required **attachments** are returned to Ahpra.
- Use a **black or blue** pen only.
- Print clearly in **BLOCK LETTERS**
- Place X in **all** applicable boxes: **X**
- DO NOT** send original documents unless specified.



Do not use staples or glue, or affix sticky notes to your application. Please ensure all supporting documents are on A4 size paper.

SECTION A: Registration type

1. What are you applying for registration as?

Mark all options applicable to your application



Registered nurse



Enrolled nurse



Midwife

SECTION B: Personal details



The information items in this section marked * will appear on the public register of practitioners. For more information, see *Information on the public register* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

2. What is your name and date of birth?

Title* MR ☐ MRS ☐ MISS ☐ MS ☐ DR ☐ OTHER

Family name*

First given name*

Middle name(s)*

Previous names known by (e.g. maiden name)

Date of birth / /



If you have ever been formally known by another name, or you are providing documents in another name, you **must** attach proof of your name change unless this has been previously provided to the NMBA. For more information, see *Change of name* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.



3. What is your registration number?

Ahpra registration number

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4. What are your birth and personal details?



Birth details are required to enable the NMBA to check your criminal history.

Country of birth

City/Suburb/Town of birth

State/Territory of birth (if within Australia)

VIC ☐ NSW ☐ QLD ☐ SA ☐ WA ☐ NT ☐ TAS ☐ ACT ☐

Sex*

MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ INTERSEX/INDETERMINATE ☐

Languages spoken fluently other than English (optional)*

SECTION C: Contact information



The information items in this section marked * will appear on the public register of practitioners. For more information, see *Information on the public register* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.



Once registered, you can change your contact information at any time. Please go to www.ahpra.gov.au and

- download and complete the change of address form *CHDT-00 – Request for change of address details on the register*, or
- log in to your Ahpra account to change your details online.

5. What are your contact details?

Provide your current contact details below – place an ☒ next to your preferred contact phone number.

Business hours

 ☐

Mobile

 ☐

After hours

 ☐

Email

6. What is your residential address?



When you are not yet practising, or when you are not practising the profession predominantly at one address:

- your residential address will be recognised as your principal place of practice, and
- the information items marked with an asterisk (*) will appear on the public register as your principal place of practice.

Refer to the question below for the definition of principal place of practice.

Residential address **cannot** be a PO Box.

Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town*

State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)/International province*

Postcode/ZIP*

Country (if other than Australia)

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SECTION D: Qualification for the profession



The information items in this section marked * will appear on the public register of practitioners. For more information, see *Information on the public register* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.



In accordance with section 52 of the National Law, to be eligible for general registration you must be qualified for general registration in the health profession. Section 53 of the National Law states that to be qualified you must hold either:

- (a) an approved qualification for the health profession
- (b) a qualification that the NMBA considers to be substantially equivalent, or based on similar competencies, to an approved qualification
- (c) a qualification, not referred to in (a) or (b), relevant to the health profession and have successfully completed an examination or other assessment required by the NMBA for the purpose of general registration in the health profession, or
- (d) a qualification, not referred to in (a) or (b), that under the National Law, or a corresponding prior Act, qualified you for general registration in the health profession and you were previously registered on the basis of holding that qualification.

The NMBA's website contains information on approved qualifications and examinations or assessments accepted under point (c) above.

If you are applying for registration as a nurse and midwife you are required to provide documentation for both professions.

9. Have you completed an approved re-entry to practice program?

YES ☐

NO ☐ Go to question 10

Documents to be sent to Ahpra – then go to Section E: Suitability statements



The education provider of your re-entry to practice program will send evidence of your completion to Ahpra.

10. Have you completed an approved supervised practice program?

YES ☐



You **must** attach a final report from your supervisor.

NO ☐



If you have not successfully completed the required program stipulated by the NMBA, you are not eligible for general registration.

SECTION E: Suitability statements



Information required by the NMBA to assess your suitability for registration is detailed in the following questions. It is recommended that you provide as much information as possible to enable the NMBA to reach a timely and informed decision.

Please note that registration is dependent on suitability as defined in the National Law, and the requirements set out in the NMBA's registration standards. Refer to www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards for further information.

Preceding period of registration refers to the period of time between the first and last day of your **current** registration.

11. Since your last declaration to Ahpra, has there been any change to your criminal history in Australia that you have not declared to Ahpra?



It is important that you have a clear understanding of the definition of criminal history. For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐

NO ☐



You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of any change to your criminal history in Australia and an explanation of the circumstances.



12. Since your last declaration to Ahpra, has there been any change to your criminal history in one or more countries other than Australia that you have not declared to Ahpra?



For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

If you answer Yes to this question, you are required to obtain an international criminal history check (ICHC) from an approved vendor, who will provide a check reference number and ICHC reference page. For a list of approved vendors and further information about international criminal history checks, refer to www.ahpra.gov.au/internationalcriminalhistory.

NO ☐ Go to the next question

YES ☐ You are required to:

- obtain an international criminal history check from an approved vendor for each country and provide details below, and
- provide details of the change in your criminal history in a signed and dated written statement.

| Country | Check reference number |
|---------|------------------------|
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You **must** attach a separate sheet if the list of overseas countries and corresponding check reference number does not fit in the space provided.



You **must** attach the international criminal history check (ICHC) reference page provided by the approved vendor.



You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of any change to your criminal history in each of the countries listed and an explanation of the circumstances.

13. Do you commit to having appropriate professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements in place for all practice undertaken during the registration period?



For more information, see *Professional indemnity insurance* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐

NO ☐



You must not practise the profession unless you are covered by appropriate PII arrangements in accordance with the requirements of the NMBA.

14. Will you be performing exposure-prone procedures in your practice?



Exposure prone procedures (EPPs) are procedures where there is a risk of injury to the healthcare worker resulting in exposure of the patient's open tissues to the blood of the healthcare worker. These procedures include those where the healthcare worker's hands (whether gloved or not) may be in contact with sharp instruments, needle tips or sharp tissues (spicules of bone or teeth) inside a patient's open body cavity, wound or confined anatomical space where the hands or fingertips may not be completely visible at all times. For example a midwife repairing an episiotomy or a perioperative nurse surgical assistant involved in open surgical procedures that meet the above criteria.

The CDNA has developed guidance on exposure-prone procedures in *Guidance on classification of exposure prone and non-exposure prone procedures in Australia 2017* available online at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/cdna-national-guidelines-for-healthcare-workers-on-managing-bloodborne-viruses?language=en>

You can seek additional information about whether you perform exposure-prone procedures from your relevant organisation in *Appendix 2* of the national guidelines.

YES ☐ Go to the next question

NO ☐ Go to question 16

15. Do you commit to comply with the *Australian National Guidelines for the management of healthcare workers living with blood borne viruses and healthcare workers who perform exposure prone procedures at risk of exposure to blood borne viruses*?



This includes testing for HIV, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B at least once every three years. Testing for Hepatitis B is not necessary if you have demonstrated immunity to HBV through vaccination or resolved infection.

YES ☐

NO ☐

16. Do you have an impairment that detrimentally affects, or is likely to detrimentally affect, your capacity to practise the profession?



For more information, see *Impairment* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐

NO ☐



You **must** attach to this application details of any impairments and how they are managed.



17. Is your registration in any profession currently suspended or cancelled in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?

YES ☐

NO ☐



You **must** attach to this application details of any registration suspension or cancellation.

18. Have you previously had your registration cancelled, refused or suspended in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?

YES ☐

NO ☐



You **must** attach to this application details of any cancellation, refusal or suspension.

19. Has your registration ever been subject to conditions, undertakings or limitations in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?

YES ☐

NO ☐



You **must** attach to this application details of any conditions, undertakings or limitations.

20. Are you disqualified from applying for registration, or being registered, in any profession in Australia (under the National Law, a corresponding prior Act or a law of a co-regulatory jurisdiction), or overseas?



Co-regulatory jurisdiction means a participating jurisdiction (of the National Law) in which the Act applying (the National Law) declares that the jurisdiction is not participating in the health, performance and conduct process provided by Divisions 3 to 12 of Part 8 (of the National Law).

YES ☐

NO ☐



You **must** attach to this application details of any disqualifications.

21. Have you been, or are you currently, the subject of conduct, performance or health proceedings whilst registered under the National Law, a corresponding prior Act, or the law of another jurisdiction in Australia or overseas, where those proceedings were not finalised?

YES ☐

NO ☐



You **must** attach to this application details of any conduct, performance or health proceedings.

SECTION F: Authorisation of surrender of registration



If your application is not granted, your provisional registration will not be surrendered.

I declare that I:

- have read and understood the information under *Surrender of registration* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form, and
- wish to surrender my current provisional registration, under section 137 of the National Law, when my general registration is granted.

Name of applicant

Date

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Signature of applicant



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SECTION G: Obligations and consent



Before you sign and date this form, make sure that you have answered all of the relevant questions correctly and read the statements below. An incomplete form may delay processing and you may be asked to complete a new form. For more information, see the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

Obligations of registered health practitioners

The National Law pt 7 div 11 sub-div 3 establishes the legislative obligations of registered health practitioners. A contravention of these obligations, as detailed at points 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 or 8 below does not constitute an offence but may constitute behaviour for which health, conduct or performance action may be taken by the Board. Registered health practitioners are also obligated to meet the requirements of their Board as established in registration standards, codes and guidelines.

Continuing professional development

1. A registered health practitioner must undertake the continuing professional development required by an approved registration standard for the health profession in which the practitioner is registered.

Professional indemnity insurance arrangements

2. A registered health practitioner must not practise the health profession in which the practitioner is registered unless appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
3. A National Board may, at any time by written notice, require a registered health practitioner registered by the Board to give the Board evidence of the appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements that are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
4. A registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with a written notice given to the practitioner under point 3 above.

Notice of certain events

5. A registered health practitioner must, within 7 days after becoming aware that a relevant event has occurred in relation to the practitioner, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the event. *Relevant event* means—
 - a) the practitioner is charged, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, with an offence punishable by 12 months imprisonment or more; or
 - b) the practitioner is convicted of or the subject of a finding of guilt for an offence, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, punishable by imprisonment; or
 - c) appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are no longer in place in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession; or
 - d) the practitioner's right to practise at a hospital or another facility at which health services are provided is withdrawn or restricted because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
 - e) the practitioner's billing privileges are withdrawn or restricted under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth) because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
 - f) the practitioner's authority under a law of a State or Territory to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use a scheduled medicine or class of scheduled medicines is cancelled or restricted; or
 - g) a complaint is made about the practitioner to the following entities—
 - (i) the chief executive officer under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth);
 - (ii) an entity performing functions under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cth);
 - (iii) the Secretary within the meaning of the *National Health Act 1953* (Cth);
 - (iv) the Secretary to the Department in which the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth) is administered;
 - (v) another Commonwealth, State or Territory entity having functions relating to professional services provided by health practitioners or the regulation of health practitioners.
 - h) the practitioner's registration under the law of another country that provides for the registration of health practitioners is suspended or cancelled or made subject to a condition or another restriction.

Change in principal place of practice, address or name

6. A registered health practitioner must, within 30 days of any of the following changes happening, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the change and any evidence providing proof of the change required by the Board—
 - a) a change in the practitioner's principal place of practice;
 - b) a change in the address provided by the registered health practitioner as the address the Board should use in corresponding with the practitioner;
 - c) a change in the practitioner's name.

Employer's details

7. A National Board may, at any time by written notice given to a health practitioner registered by the Board, ask the practitioner to give the Board the following information—
 - a) information about whether the practitioner is employed by another entity;
 - b) if the practitioner is employed by another entity—
 - (i) the name of the practitioner's employer; and
 - (ii) the address and other contact details of the practitioner's employer.
8. The registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with the notice.

Consent to nationally coordinated criminal history check

I authorise Ahpra and the NMBA to carry out a nationally coordinated criminal history check for the purpose of assessing this application.

I acknowledge that:

- a complete criminal history, including resolved and unresolved charges, spent convictions, and findings of guilt for which no conviction was recorded, will be released to Ahpra and the NMBA,
- my personal information will be extracted from this form and provided to the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and Australian police agencies for the purpose of conducting a nationally coordinated criminal history check, including all names under which I am or have been known
- my personal information may be used by police for general law enforcement purposes, including those purposes set out in the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (Cth),
- my identity information provided with this application will be enrolled with Ahpra to allow for any subsequent criminal history checks during my period of registration
- if and when this application for registration is granted, Ahpra may check my criminal history at any time during my period of registration as required by the NMBA for the purpose of assessing my suitability to hold health practitioner registration; or in response to a Notice of Certain Events; or an application for Removal of Reprimand from the National Register,
- I may dispute the result of the nationally coordinated criminal history check by contacting Ahpra in the first instance.

Consent

I consent to:

- the NMBA and Ahpra making enquiries of, and exchanging information with, the authorities of any Australian state or territory, or other country, regarding my practice as a health practitioner or otherwise regarding matters relevant to this application, and
- (if relevant) any registration currently held by me that is not compatible with the registration type I am applying for, to be surrendered when the registration type I am applying for is granted.

I acknowledge that:

- the NMBA may validate documents provided in support of this application as evidence of my identity
- failure to complete all relevant sections of this application and to enclose all supporting documentation may result in this application not being accepted
- notices required under the National Law and other correspondence relating to my application and registration (if granted) will be sent electronically to me via my nominated email address, and
- Ahpra uses overseas cloud service providers to hold, process and maintain personal information where this is reasonably necessary to enable Ahpra to perform its functions under the National Law. These providers include Salesforce, whose operations are located in Japan and the United States of America.

I undertake to comply with all relevant legislation and NMBA registration standards, codes and guidelines.

I understand that personal information that I provide may be given to a third party for regulatory purposes, as authorised or required by the National Law.

I confirm that I have read the privacy and confidentiality statement for this form.

I declare that:

- the above statements, and the documents provided in support of this application, are true and correct, and
- I am the person named in this application and in the documents provided.

I make this declaration in the knowledge that a false statement is grounds for the NMBA to refuse registration.

Signature of applicant



SIGN HERE

Name of applicant

Date

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SECTION H: Payment

You are required to pay a registration fee.

| Registration fee: | | Amount payable: |
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| \$185 | = | \$185 |
| | | Applicants must pay 100% of the stated fees at the time of submitting the application. |



Registration period

The annual registration period for the nursing and midwifery profession is from **1 June to 31 May**.

If your application is made between **1 April and 31 May this year**, you will be registered until 31 May **next year**.

Refund rules

The registration fee will be refunded if the application is not approved.

22. Please complete the credit/debit card payment slip below.

Credit/Debit card payment slip – please fill out

Amount payable

\$

Visa or Mastercard number

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Cardholder's signature

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SECTION I: Checklist

Have the following items been attached or arranged, if required?

| <i>Additional documentation</i> | | Attached |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Question 2 | Evidence of a change of name | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 9 | Evidence of your completion of an approved re-entry to practice program has been arranged with your education provider | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 10 | A final report from your supervisor | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 11 | A signed and dated written statement with details of any change to your criminal history in Australia and an explanation of the circumstances | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 12 | A separate sheet of overseas countries and corresponding ICHC reference number | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 12 | ICHC reference page provided by the approved vendor | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 12 | A signed and dated written statement with details of any change to your criminal history overseas and an explanation of the circumstances | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 16 | A separate sheet with your impairment details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 17 | A separate sheet with your suspension or cancellation details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 18 | A separate sheet with your cancellation, refusal or suspension details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 19 | A separate sheet with your conditions, undertakings or limitations details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 20 | A separate sheet with your disqualification details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Question 21 | A separate sheet with your conduct, performance or health proceedings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Payment</i> | | |
| | Registration fee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please post this form with payment and required attachments to:

Ahpra
GPO Box 9958
IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY *(refer below)*

You may contact Ahpra on
 1300 419 495 or you can lodge an enquiry
 at www.ahpra.gov.au

Sydney NSW 2001

Canberra ACT 2601

Melbourne VIC 3001

Brisbane QLD 4001

Adelaide SA 5001

Perth WA 6001

Hobart TAS 7001

Darwin NT 0801



Information and definitions

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS LIVING WITH BLOOD BORNE VIRUSES AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO PERFORM EXPOSURE PRONE PROCEDURES AT RISK OF EXPOSURE TO BLOOD BORNE VIRUSES

The Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) has published these guidelines. The following is a summary of the requirements in the CDNA guidelines:

Healthcare workers who perform exposure prone procedures (EPPs) must take reasonable steps to know their blood-borne virus (BBV) status and should be tested for BBVs at least once every three years. They are also expected to:

- have appropriate and timely testing and follow up care after a potential occupational exposure associated with a risk of BBV acquisition
- have appropriate testing and follow up care after potential non-occupational exposure, with testing frequency related to risk factors for virus acquisition
- cease performing all EPPs if diagnosed with a BBV until the criteria in the guidelines are met, and
- confirm that they comply with these guidelines when applying for renewal of registration if requested by their board.

Practitioners who are living with a blood-borne virus and who perform exposure-prone procedures have additional requirements. They are expected to:

- be under the ongoing care of a treating doctor with relevant expertise
- comply with prescribed treatment
- have ongoing viral load monitoring at the appointed times
- seek advice regarding any change in health condition that may affect their fitness to practise or impair their health
- release monitoring information to the treating doctor
- if required, release de-identified information to the relevant area of the jurisdictional health department/Expert Advisory Committee, and
- if required, release health monitoring information to a designated person in their workplace in the event of a potential exposure incident to assess the requirement for further public health action.

Additional information can be found in the CDNA *Australian National Guidelines for the Management of Healthcare Workers Living with Blood Borne Viruses and Healthcare Workers Who Perform Exposure Prone Procedures at Risk of Exposure to Blood Borne Viruses* available online at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/cdna-national-guidelines-for-healthcare-workers-on-managing-bloodborne-viruses?language=en>

CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

DO NOT send original documents unless specified.

Copies of documents provided in support of an application, or other purpose required by the National Law, must be certified as true copies of the original documents. Each and every certified document **must**:

- be in English. If original documents are not in English, you must provide a certified copy of the original document and translation in accordance with Ahpra guidelines, which are available at www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process
- be initialled on every page by the authorised officer. For a list of people authorised to certify documents, visit www.ahpra.gov.au/certify
- be annotated on the last page as appropriate e.g. 'I have sighted the original document and certify this to be a true copy of the original' and signed by the authorised officer, and
- list the name, date of certification, and contact phone number, and position number (if relevant) and have the stamp or seal of the authorised officer (if relevant) applied.

Certified copies will only be accepted in hard copy by mail or in person (not by fax, email, etc). Photocopies of previously certified documents will not be accepted. For more information, Ahpra's guidelines for certifying documents can be found online at www.ahpra.gov.au/certify

CHANGE OF NAME

You must provide evidence of a change of name if you have ever been formally known by another name(s) or if any of the documentation that you are providing in support of your application is in another name(s).

Evidence must be a certified copy of one of the following documents:

- Standard Marriage Certificate (ceremonial certificates will not be accepted)
- Deed Poll
- Change of Name Certificate

Faxed, scanned or emailed copies of certified documents will not be accepted.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

CPD is a requirement of registration even if you are not working or are working overseas. You must complete at least 20 hours of CPD per profession each year. This must be relevant to your context of practice. If you were granted registration less than 12 months ago, your CPD requirements will be based on how many months you have been registered:

- 0–3 months, at least 5 hours
- 3–6 months, at least 10 hours
- 6–9 months, at least 15 hours or
- more than 9 months, at least 20 hours.

You must keep evidence of your participation. For more information, view the registration standard online at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards and the guidelines at

www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/Codes-Guidelines

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Criminal history includes the following, whether in Australia or overseas, at any time:

- every conviction of a person for an offence
- every plea of guilty or finding of guilt by a court of the person for an offence, whether or not a conviction is recorded for the offence, and
- every charge made against the person for an offence.

Under the National Law, spent convictions legislation does not apply to criminal history disclosure requirements. Therefore, you must disclose your complete criminal history since you last registered with the NMBA as detailed above, irrespective of the time that has lapsed since the charge was laid or the finding of guilt was made. The NMBA will decide whether a health practitioner's criminal history is relevant to the practice of the profession. You are not required to obtain or provide your Australian criminal history report, Ahpra will obtain this check on your behalf.

But if you have not given us certified proof of identity documents since October 2019, you will need to do this first. Any documents containing a photograph must be annotated with the statement 'I certify that this is a true copy of the original and the photograph is a true likeness of the person presenting the document as sighted by me.'

You may be required to obtain international criminal history reports.

For more information, view the registration standard online at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards and the requirements for supplying proof of identity and certified documents at www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Proof-of-Identity and www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Certifying-Documents

INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC REGISTER

Information in this form marked with an asterisk (*) indicates the information that will be displayed on the online public register of practitioners.

If you believe that publishing information about you on the public register would pose a serious risk to your health or safety as a practitioner, please complete an *Application to exclude information from the public register – AEPR-00* available at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement/Forms



IMPAIRMENT

The National Law defines impairment as ‘a physical or mental impairment, disability, condition or disorder (including substance abuse or dependence) that **detrimentially affects or is likely to detrimentially affect your capacity to practise the profession**’.

But an illness or health condition that is safely managed is not the same as impairment, as these do not have a detrimental impact on your capacity to practise. Examples of what you do not need to declare include:

- wearing prescription glasses to correct your vision or hearing aids to correct your hearing, or
- seeing a psychologist for anxiety and following a treatment plan.

PRACTICE

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which you use your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in your profession. Practice in this context is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes using professional knowledge (working) in a direct non-clinical relationship with clients, working in management, administration, education, research, advisory, regulatory or policy development roles and any other roles that impact on safe, effective delivery of services in the profession.

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE (PII)

You cannot practise the profession in Australia without PII. You must maintain it through your own private cover, your Australian employer or another third party, and ensure you understand it.

But you are not required to hold PII if you are unemployed or working overseas.

Remember, practising means using your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in any paid or unpaid role in your profession.

For more information, view the registration standard online at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards

REGENCY OF PRACTICE

You must maintain an adequate connection with your profession and regularly practise it after you qualify for or receive your registration. For nurses and midwives this means you have practised for at least 450 hours over the last 5 years. The NMBA's recency of practice requirements also apply to an endorsement for scheduled medicines or as a nurse practitioner.

If you are unable to meet the recency of practice requirements the NMBA requires you to submit evidence to support your re-entry to practice. Re-entry to practice may require you to complete specific education and/or supervised practice.

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and the re-entry to practice policy at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement/reentry-to-practice

SURRENDERING OF REGISTRATION

If your application for general registration is granted, you will no longer be required to hold provisional registration.

Under section 137 of the National Law, a practitioner may surrender their registration by notifying the Board. You can notify the Board by completing *Section F: Authorisation of surrender of registration* of this form.