Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia held on 24 November 2016 at the AHPRA South Australia office, Adelaide.

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the National Board or NMBA) is the national regulator for nursing and midwifery in Australia. It is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law,as in force in each state and territory([the National Law](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Search.aspx?q=national%20law)).

The NMBA meets monthly and considers a range of matters, the most important of which are published in this Communiqué.

NMBA *Code of conduct* consultation opens in January 2017 for nurses, midwives and the public

The NMBA has reviewed its codes of conduct for nurses and midwives and will open a public consultation on the draft codes in January 2017.

The draft codes are research-based and have been through extensive consultation with the professions and other stakeholders. The development of the draft codes included:

* literature and evidence reviews,
* analysis of notification data on conduct, behaviour and boundaries for nurses and midwives to ensure contemporary conduct issues are captured in the codes,
* input from key stakeholder working groups, and
* focus group sessions held in metropolitan, rural and regional locations across Australia.

Every nurse and midwife in Australia will receive an invitation to have their say on the draft *Code of conduct* for their profession. The consultation survey will be available to the public on the NMBA website.

Chair of South Australian state board attends NMBA meeting

Linda Starr, Chair of the South Australian state board of the NMBA, attended the National Board meeting this month. Her attendance provided an opportunity for engagement with the work of the NMBA and to share information about the work of the South Australian board.

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

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| The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has considered the following programs of study in November 2016 |
| Full accreditation of the following nursing and midwifery programs for five years: |
| Education provider | Program | Campus |
| Victoria University | Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Nursing | St Albans |
| Central Queensland University | Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) | Noosa; Mackay; Rockhampton and Cairns |
| Australian Catholic University | Diploma of Nursing | St Patricks; Aquinas and East Grampians Health Service |
| Major modifications to accredited nursing and midwifery programs: |
| Education provider | Program | Modification |
| La Trobe University | Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery | Additional Campus – Bendigo  |
| Other amendments and matters for consideration for nursing programs: |
| Education provider | Program | Details |
| South Metropolitan TAFE | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Kangan Institute | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Gordon Institute | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Job Training Institute | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| North Metropolitan TAFE (formerly West Coast Institute of Technology) | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| North Metropolitan TAFE (formerly Central Institute of Technology) | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Equals International | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Victoria University | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| RMIT University | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Box Hill Institute | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Health Skills Australia | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Your Life Health and Learning | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Skills Training Australia | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| TAFE NSW | Diploma of Nursing | Addition of course code HLT54115 |
| Monash University | Master of Nursing Practice | Rename current program to Master of Nursing.  |
| Moving approved nursing programs of study from the NMBA Approved Programs of Study list into ‘inactive’: |
| Education provider | Program |
| Australian Catholic University | Diploma of Nursing |
|  Prolongation of accreditation for currently accredited nursing programs: |
| Education provider | Program | Expiry date | Revised expiry date |
| University of Adelaide | Bachelor of Nursing | 28/06/2018 | 28/06/2019 |
| Central Queensland University | Registered Nurse Re-entry Program | 01/05/2017 | 01/07/2017 |
| University of Technology Sydney | Master of Advanced Nursing in Nurse Practitioner | 20/12/2016 | 30/04/2017 |
| Skills Training Australia | Diploma of Nursing | 14/12/2016 | 30/06/2017 |

An [online search](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Approved-programs-of-study.aspx) is available for all approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement as an enrolled nurse (EN), registered nurse (RN) and/or midwife. You can also search for approved programs of study leading to endorsements for RNs and midwives.

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Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

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