

## Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia held on 28 April in the AHPRA National Office, Melbourne.

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](#)).

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

### Aged Care Complaints Commissioner

The NMBA welcomed a presentation from the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner, Rae Lamb. The Commissioner provided the NMBA with information about her role and the functions of her office. The functions of the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner are set out in legislation and are to:

- resolve complaints about aged care services, and
- educate people and aged care providers about handling complaints.

The NMBA members and the Commissioner valued the opportunity to understand each other's roles, to support effective working relationships in the future.

### Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has considered the following programs of study in April 2016

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved full accreditation of the following nursing program for five years:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
University of Adelaide	Master of Clinical Nursing	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved major modifications of the following accredited nursing programs:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Central Queensland University	Diploma of Nursing	Additional campus - Bundaberg
Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Nursing	Additional campus - Orange

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following programs to move into 'inactive' in the list of approved programs of study (these programs are no longer approved for new enrolments):

Education Provider	Program
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University of Adelaide                      Master of Clinical Nursing

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the prolongation of accreditation for the following currently accredited midwifery program:

Education Provider	Program	Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
University of Western Sydney	Bachelor of Midwifery	3 August 2017	31 October 2017

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the change to an educator provider's trading name for an accredited nursing program:

Change from Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Vic) to ANMF (VIC Branch) Education Centre

### Quarterly statistics

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) requires that information about every registered health practitioner in Australia is published on a single national [register of practitioners](#). Under the National Scheme, it is possible to produce accurate reports on the number of practitioners registered in each profession in Australia.

The NMBA regularly publish quarterly data profiling Australia's nursing and midwifery workforce, including a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants. The latest data is published [here](#).

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### For more information

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