



Application for Trans Tasman mutual recognition

Profession: Nursing and Midwifery

Division 2 of Part 3 of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act

This form is to be used by applicants applying for registration as an enrolled nurse, registered nurse or midwife in Australia under the Commonwealth *Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997.* 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.

These documents can be found 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; 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.

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Additional information

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



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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.

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:
- 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: Eligibility for Trans Tasman mutual recognition

 Do you currently hold registration as a nurse or midwife in New Zealand? YES

Provide your nursing or midwifery registration number in New Zealand

Nursing Council registration number

Midwifery Council of New Zealand registration number

NO NO



You are not eligible for Trans Tasman mutual recognition. Please use form AGEN-40 or form AGOS-40 to apply for general registration as a nurse or midwife.

- 2. In Australia, New Zealand or another country:
- are you subject to disciplinary proceedings or any preliminary investigations or action that might lead to disciplinary proceedings
- is your registration cancelled or currently suspended as the result of disciplinary action
- are you personally prohibited from carrying on practice as a nurse or midwife, and/or
- are you subject to any special conditions in your practice as a nurse or midwife as a result of criminal, civil or disciplinary proceedings?



YES, in Australia and/or New Zealand



You are not eligible for Trans Tasman mutual recognition. Please use form AGEN-40 or form AGOS-40 to apply for general registration as a nurse or midwife.



YES, in a country other than Australia or New Zealand



You **must** attach details to this application.



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3. In New Zealand, Australia or overseas, are you subject to any special conditions on your practice as a nurse or midwife?



NO





SECTION B: Registration type

4. Do you currently hold general registration as a registered nurse in Australia?



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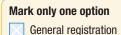
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5. Which registration type are you applying for in Australia?



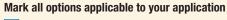
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The registration type you are applying for in Australia must correspond with the type of registration you hold in New Zealand. If you select general registration, you may not select non-practising registration.



Non-practising registration

6. What division(s) of the profession are you applying for registration for in Australia?



Enrolled nurse

Registered nurse





You **must** attach evidence of your existing registration as a midwife in New Zealand. This must include a complete and accurate copy of your current annual practising certificate.

7. Are you applying to add an endorsement to your general registration as a nurse practitioner?





SECTION C: 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.

8. What is your name and date of birth?

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9. What are your birth and personal details?

Country of birth											
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Sex* MALE FEMALE	INTERSEX/INDETERM	IINATE 🔣									
Languages spoken fluently other	than English (optional)*										

SECTION D: Proof of identity



You must provide proof of your identity with this application. Please refer to the *Proof of identity requirements* available at www.ahpra.gov.au/identity.

You **must** provide one document from each category A, B and C, and one document from category D if the document supplied for category B or C does not contain evidence of a current Australian residential address.

10. Are you applying for registration from outside of Australia AND unable to provide evidence from each category?



If you are applying for registration from outside of Australia and are unable to provide evidence from each category, you will be required to meet the minimum identity requirements. Refer to www.ahpra.gov.au/identity for further information.



NO 🔀

Go to the next question

Attachment required below - then go to Section E: Contact information



You **must** attach a certified copy of a foreign passport (an EU card is not acceptable). Your certified copy **must** include:

- a certified copy of the identity information page (the photo page), and
- an official English translation of your passport (if your passport is in a language other than English). Please refer to *Translating documents* at www.ahpra.gov.au/translate for further information.

11. Which documents from each category will you provide for proof of identity?



You **must** only use each document once.

The documents provided **must** meet the following criteria:

- At least one document must be in the applicant's current name.
- Your category B document must have a recent photo.
- All documents must be officially translated into English. Please refer to *Translating documents* at www.ahpra.gov.au/translate for further information.
- If using your passport, a certified copy of the identity information page (the photo page) must be provided.
- All documents must be true certified copies of the original.
 See Certifying documents in the Information and definitions section of this form for more information.

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Documents	Category used: A B C	Documents	Category use
Australian birth or adoption certificate	X NA X	Australian financial institution account	NA NA
New Zealand passport	X NA X	Australian Medicare card	NA NA
Australian visa (Foreign passport must be selected as evidence for Category B)	NA ⊠	Australian PAYG payment summary	NA NA
ImmiCard	X NA X	Australian motor vehicle registration	NA NA
Australian citizenship certificate	X NA X	Australian Taxation Assessment Notice	NA NA
Australian passport	\times \times	Australian insurance policy	NA NA
Australian motor vehicle licence	NA 🔀 🔀	Australian pension/healthcare card	NA NA
Foreign passport	NA 🔀 🔀	Category D documents	
Australian Working with Children/ Vulnerable People Card	NA 🔀 🔀	A document from Category D is only req Category B or C document does not prov	
Australian firearms or shooter's licence	NA 🔀 🔀	of your residential address.	
Australian student ID card	NA 🔀 🔀	I have used a Category B or C document	that has
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Australian proof of age card	NA 🔀 🔀	Australian rate notice	
Australian government benefits	NA NA 🔀	Current Australian lease or tenancy agre	ement
Australian academic transcript	NA NA 🔀	Australian utility account	
Australian registration certificate	NA NA 🔀	Australian electoral enrolment card	>

You **must** attach a certified copy of **all** proof of identity documents that you have indicated above.

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SECTION E: 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.

12.	What	are	vour	contact	details?
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After hours	International (insert calling code)
Email	

13. 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.

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14. Is the address of your principal place of practice the same as your residential address?



Principal place of practice for a registered health practitioner is:

- the address at which you predominantly practise the profession, or
- your principal place of residence, if you are not practising the profession or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address.

Principal place of practice **cannot** be a PO Box.

The information items marked with an asterisk (*) will appear on the public register.

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15. What is your mailing address?	My residential address
Your mailing address is used	
for postal correspondence.	My principal place of practice
	Other (Provide your mailing address below)
	Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)
	Address/PO Box (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)
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	City/Suburb/Town
	State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)/International province Postcode/ZIP
	Country (if other than Australia)
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qualification(s) or other	Most recent qualification and examinations/assessments
method on which your	Mark the option applicable to your qualification
registration in New Zealand	Enrolled nurse Registered nurse Midwife
is based?	Title of qualification
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SECTION G: Suitability statements



Refer to www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards for further information about the requirements set out in the NMBA's registration standards.

17. Are you applying for non-practising registration? Go to Section H: Obligations and consent

Go to the next question

18. 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.







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

19. 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://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cda-cdna-bloodborne.htm

You can seek additional information about whether you perform exposure-prone procedures from your relevant organisation in Appendix 2 of the national guidelines online at https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/ publishing.nsf/Content/36D4D796D31081EBCA257BF0001DE6B7/\$File/nat-guidelines-work-bbv-Oct2019.pdf.



YES Go to the next question



Go to Section H

20. 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.









SECTION H: 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

 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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.
 - 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

- 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;
 - 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

- 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.

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. 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 complete, 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.





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SECTION I: Payment



You are required to pay **both** an application fee and a registration fee. The application fee for endorsement of registration only applies if you answered 'YES' to question 7.

Your required payment is detailed below

- Select your application fee and registration fee from the tables below. The application fee and registration fee you are required to pay will
 depend on your registration type.
- The application fee for endorsement of registration only applies if you answered 'YES' to question to 7. If you answered 'NO, you are not required to pay the application fee for endorsement of registration.





Registration period

The annual registration period for the nursing and midwifery profession is between **1 June and 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

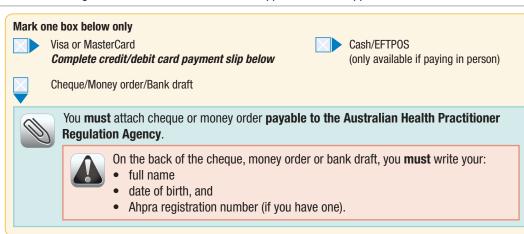
The application fee is non-refundable. The registration fee will be refunded if the application is not approved.

21. How are you paying your fees?



Payment by cheque, money order or bank draft must be in Australian currency, drawn on an Australian bank.

A receipt will be provided.



Amount payable Visa or MasterCard number Expiry date MMM / YYY

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SECTION J: Checklist

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

Additional dod	cumentation	Attached
Question 2	Details of any disciplinary proceedings, preliminary investigations, action that may lead to disciplinary proceedings, cancellations, suspensions, prohibitions and/or special conditions	\times
Question 3	Details of any special conditions	×
Question 6	Evidence of your existing registration as a midwife in New Zealand	X
Question 8	Evidence of a change of name	X
Question 10	A certified copy of a foreign passport	X
Question 11	Certified copies of all documents that provide sufficient evidence of your identity	X
Question 16	A separate sheet with your qualification details or other methods on which your registration is based	X
Payment		
	Application fee	X
	Registration fee	X
	If paying by cheque/money order/bank draft, your name is written on the back	\times

Please post this form with payment and required attachments to:

Ahpra GPO Box 9958 Melbourne VIC 3001 You may contact Ahpra on 1300 419 495 or you can lodge an enquiry at **www.ahpra.gov.au**

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 quidelines:

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 nonoccupational 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
- not perform EPPs if particular viral load or viral clearance criteria are not met (see detailed information in the guidelines according to the specific BBV)
- 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 Who Perform Exposure Prone Procedures at Risk of Exposure to Blood Borne Viruses available online at https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/36D4D796D31081EBCA257BF0001DE6B7/\$File/nat-guidelines-work-bbv-Oct2019.pdf

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

IMPAIRMENT

The National Law defines impairment as 'a physical or mental impairment, disability, condition or disorder (including substance abuse or dependence) that detrimentally affects or is likely to detrimentally 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.

INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC REGISTER

Information in this form marked with an asterix (*) 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**

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 is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes using professional knowledge 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 the safe and effective delivery of services in the profession and/or use of their professional skills.

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

RECENCY 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.

For more information, view the registration standard online at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards and the re-entry to practice policy at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement/reentry-to-practice

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