

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 26 July 2012 in the AHPRA National office, Melbourne Victoria

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the National Board or NMBA) is the national regulator for the nursing and midwifery professions in Australia. It is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law). The National Board meets monthly and discusses a range of issues, the most important of which are published in this Communiqué.

Review of NMBA registration standards during 2012/2013

The National Board is working collaboratively with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the other nine National Boards that were established in 2010 and will soon embark on a review of five of its registration standards.

A full review will be undertaken for the criminal history, recency of practice and continuing professional development registration standards by 30 June 2013.

The National Board has previously reviewed the English language skills registration standard (effective from September 2011) and the Professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standard (effective from January 2012) and will consider a further review of these two registration standards in light of new evidence.

The public consultations will be scheduled to ensure that stakeholders will be able to contribute to each review in an effective and timely manner.

This important work complements the NMBA's *Strategic Work Plan for 2012/2013*.

Accreditation review

The National Board (through AHPRA) commenced the review of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) in July 2012. The review of ANMAC is in accordance with the requirement under Section 253(4) of the National Law. That is; the National Board must not later than 3 years after the commencement day of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, i.e. 1 July 2010, review the arrangements for the exercise of the accreditation functions for nursing and midwifery [s253(4)].

It is anticipated that the opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback to the public consultation will be for an eight week period commencing late September 2012. The National Board will publish the public consultation on its website and distribute it widely to stakeholders.

Accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

The National Board approved for five years the following programs of study as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration or endorsement:

- Queensland University of Technology – Master of Nursing Science (Nurse Practitioner)
- Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Nursing
- Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)
- Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Exercise and Movement Science

- Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Nursing /Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health)
- Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic)
- Curtin University - Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)
- Curtin University – Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)
- Curtin University – Graduate Diploma in Midwifery
- University of Southern Queensland – Master of Midwifery
- Flexible Advance Creative Training Solutions (FACTS) – Diploma of Nursing
- Durack Institute of Technology – Diploma of Nursing
- Marr Mooditj Training Inc – Diploma of Nursing
- TAFE NSW – Diploma of Nursing

The National Board approved the following major change to the programs of study approval end date, campuses and/or partnership arrangements to be included in the existing Approved Programs of Study list:

- Goulburn Ovens TAFE (GOTAFE) – Diploma of Nursing
- Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery

The National Board approved the following programs with major changes to approval end date:

- Great Southern Institute of Technology- Diploma of Nursing
- South West Institute of Technology- Diploma of Nursing
- Curtin University- VTEC- Diploma of Nursing
- Celtic Training and Consultancy- Diploma of Nursing
- Yourlife Health and Learning RDNS Inc- Diploma of Nursing
- Central Institute of Technology- Diploma of Nursing
- Challenger Institute- Diploma of Nursing
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Education Centre- Diploma of Nursing
- The University of Notre Dame, VET – Diploma of Nursing
- West Coast Institute of Training – Diploma of Nursing
- NSW Health- Certificate IV in Nursing
- Australian Centre for Further Education- Initial Registration Course for Division 1 Overseas Registered Nurses
- Flinders University- Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)
- Edith Cowan University- Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)
- University of South Australia- Bachelor of Midwifery (includes pathways of undergraduate and post registration)
- Edith Cowan University- Bachelor of Science (Nursing)
- Institute of Health and Nursing Australia- Initial Registration Course for Division 1 Overseas Registered Nurses
- Institute of Health and Nursing Australia- Registration Bridging Program (Registered Nurse)

For more detailed information please go the [approved program of study lists](#) of the National Board's website.

Frequently asked questions - Recency of practice

The National Board approved the revised NMBA *Frequently asked questions for recency of practice* which will soon be uploaded to the NMBA website www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/FAQ.aspx and distributed electronically to all stakeholders for their information.

Website and receiving important information by email

Further information about the National Board can be found at: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au. Nurses and midwives are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on Standards, Codes and Guidelines relating to their profession/s.

Nurses and midwives are also encouraged to provide their email address to AHPRA (by updating their contact details online). This will enable the National Board to send e-newsletters and other important information about the professions, and AHPRA to contact nurses and midwives about important registration or renewal information.

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Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

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