

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 23 August 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.

Enrolled Nurses and the administration of medicine – FAQ updated

The National Board approved a revised enrolled nurses and medicine administration fact sheet (EN Factsheet), to update *Explanatory note: Enrolled nurses and medicine administration* previously published on the National Board website. Primary amendments to the EN Factsheet include improvements to the presentation and layout for clarity; Mothercraft nurses; Administering intravenous (IV) medicines; and enrolled nurses in Western Australia and Victoria who registered through an approved exit point.

The updated fact sheet will be uploaded to the National Board website in FAQ and Fact Sheets under Codes, Guidelines and Statements. It will also be distributed electronically to all stakeholders for their information.

Approved programs of study

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

- Edith Cowan University – Master of Midwifery Practice (Joondalup)
- University of Western Sydney – Bachelor of Midwifery (Parramatta)
- Edith Cowan University – Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Joondalup, South West campus Bunbury)
- James Cook University – Bachelor of Nursing Science (Townsville, Mt Isa, Cairns, Thursday Island, MacKay)
- Central Institute of Technology – Diploma of Nursing (Perth)
- Challenger Institute of Technology – Diploma of Nursing (St John of God Hospital, Murdoch)

The National Board approved the following programs with conditions for five years by the Accreditation Committee:

- Institute of Health and Nursing Australia – Registered Nurse Re-Entry to Practice program (Heidelberg Heights, Perth)
- Australasian Lawrence Aged Care College – Diploma of Nursing (Perth)
- EQUALS International Australia – Diploma of Nursing (Adelaide)
- Partners in Training – Diploma of Nursing (Shepparton, South Melbourne, Sale)

The National Board approved the following programs with major changes:

- Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE – Diploma of Nursing (Mountain Creek, Mooloolaba)
- King's Unitech (previously known as King's International College)

The National Board approved the following program for a prolongation of approval from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012:

- Flinders University- Bachelor of Nursing (including pathways for graduate entry and midwives)

Education, Training and Employment Australia (ETEA)

ETEA is a registered training organisation approved by the National Board to deliver the Initial Registration for Overseas Nurses program for Registered Nurses (IRON-RN). The current expiry date for approval of this program is 30 September 2012. Students enrolled into an ETEA IRON-RN program that commenced prior to the expiry date will be able to complete their studies and will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Due to an administrative error, the National Board approved ETEA IRON-RN program inadvertently dropped from the approved program of study list on the [National Board website](#) for a period of 15 calendar days from the 22 August to 7 September 2012. This error was rectified immediately upon notification by ETEA. The National Board and AHPRA express their deepest apologies for any confusion or misunderstanding that the error may have caused to ETEA, students and stakeholders.

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

Registered Nurse accreditation standards for five years

The National Board approved for a period of five years the newly revised Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards, soon to be published on the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) [website](#). ANMAC will be responsible for developing an implementation plan and communicating this plan with all relevant stakeholders

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