

Media release

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Online applications for registration now open for final year students

Students of nursing or midwifery who will graduate soon can go online now to apply for registration as a nurse or midwife.

An online graduate registration service for final year students has been provided by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) since May 2011.

The service enables students to apply for registration early before completing their [approved program of study](#) and aims to smooth the path from study to work in five simple steps.

Online applications for registration are now open. All applications require students to return some supporting documents to AHPRA by mail.

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Chair Anne Copeland said a graduate of an approved program of study must also meet the National Board's registration requirements to become a registered nurse or midwife.

Registration standards that relate to the new graduate are:

- criminal history,
- English language skills, and
- professional indemnity insurance.

'Graduates need to be a registered nurse or midwife before they can start practising and are urged to go online and apply for registration four to six weeks before completing their program,' Ms Copeland said.

Online applications are also open for those enrolled nurses who are due to complete an [approved program of study](#) that will qualify the individual for registration as a registered nurse or a midwife.

'Graduates wishing to apply for registration as both a nurse and a midwife are also urged to apply early using the appropriate [Streamlined Graduate Application Form](#),' Ms Copeland said.

There are five simple steps to graduate registration:

1. Students apply for registration 4 to 6 weeks before completing their approved program of study at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Graduate-Applications.aspx>
2. Applicants fill out an online application (if eligible) or download an application form. All applications require some documents to be sent to AHPRA by mail.

3. Education providers advise AHPRA when applicants are eligible to graduate
4. AHPRA assesses applications and required documentation, confirms decisions for registration, publishes new graduates' names on the Register of Practitioners and sends out registration certificates
5. New graduates registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia are eligible to start working as soon as their name is published on the Register of Practitioners

For more information

- Go to the Graduate Applications Website at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Graduate-Applications.aspx> for FAQs and links to more information
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
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