

Fact sheet

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Mothercraft nurses ineligible for Board-approved medication units

All persons who practice in the area of mothercraft nursing (mothercraft nurses) including Division 5 nurses in Victoria who transitioned to the National Scheme¹ as an enrolled nurse have a condition limiting their practice to mothercraft nursing only.

Enrolled nurses with the condition '*May practise only in the area of mothercraft nursing*' also have the notation '*Does not hold a Board approved qualification in medication administration*', and are not eligible to have the notation removed.

Mothercraft nurses are also not eligible for enrolment into the following Board-approved medicine administration units of study:

- Analyse health information HLTAP501C, (previously identified as HLTAP501A or HLTAP501B), and
- Administer and monitor medications in the work environment HLTEN507C (previously identified as HLTEN507A and HLTEN507B)

You can find more information relevant to enrolled nurses and medicine administration through [Codes, Guidelines and Statements](#) available on our website.

Background information

Prior to 1 July 2010, the New South Wales (NSW), Victorian (VIC) and Tasmanian (TAS) legislation enabled registration of mothercraft nurses, albeit with these discrepancies:

- VIC - mothercraft nurses registered in Division 5 of the register that was specific to mothercraft nurses only
- NSW - registration was on a list specifically for mothercraft nurses
- TAS - registration was with a condition that they practised mothercraft nursing only.

In July 2010, upon commencement of the National scheme, all mothercraft nurses transitioned into general registration as an Enrolled Nurse with the condition '*May practise only in the area of mothercraft nursing*'.

More information on Board-approved programs of study is available under [Accreditation](#) on the NMBA website.

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¹ The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme