

Media release

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National Board pleased with strong start to renewal campaign

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (National Board) is delighted to see that nurses and midwives are heeding reminders to renew their registration on time and are updating their contact details.

Over 340,000 nurses and/or midwives with general or non-practising registration are due to renew their registration with the National Board by 31 May.

'Nurses and midwives who have already renewed their registration online total 30 per cent. This is a strong start to the 2013 registration renewal campaign,' National Board Chair Anne Copeland said.

The number of nurses and midwives due to renew their registration by 31 May who have identified their principal place of practice are as follows:

- 93,350 in New South Wales
- 91,200 in Victoria
- 66,000 in Queensland
- 35,000 in Western Australia
- 31,600 in South Australia
- 8,300 in Tasmania
- 5,500 in ACT, and
- 4,000 in the Northern Territory.

To make sure everyone who wants to renew their registration is able to do so on time, AHPRA – on behalf of the National Board – has posted hard copy letters to nurses and midwives yet to renew.

'If you get your renewal letter by post and have not previously provided an email address to AHPRA, follow the lead of the 99.5 per cent of nurses and midwives with a registered email address. An email address helps to make sure you don't miss out on early communications from the National Board,' Ms Copeland said.

[To update your contact details](#)

Visit www.ahpra.gov.au for access to AHPRA's secure online services and:

- go to the bottom of the home page
- click on *Update Contact Details* under Services for Practitioners
- use your user ID and secure password, and
- follow the prompts.

Under the National Law¹, all enrolled nurses, registered nurses and midwives are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. In 2012, over 90 per cent of nurses and midwives renewed their registration online and on time.

Anyone who experiences difficulties using the online renewal service can phone AHPRA's Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495 and a team member will talk them through the process.

[To check the status of your application](#)

Using an online service at www.ahpra.gov.au, you can check to see if AHPRA has received your application. Search by registration number or your name and date of birth at the online receipt service at the [Renewal received - confirmation and progress](#) web page.

If your application to renew registration has been received, you can continue to practise while AHPRA processes your application.

The following pages on the National Board website contain useful information for nurses and midwives; and their employers:

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)
- [FAQ about continuing professional development](#)
- [FAQ about renewal for nurses and midwives](#)
- [FAQ about renewal for employers](#)

For more information

- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
- For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200

¹ The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory ([the National Law](#)).