

## Media release

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# Strong start to renewal campaign

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (National Board) is pleased with the response to registration renewals. Over 360,500 nurses and midwives across Australia are due to renew their general or non-practising registration with the National Board by 31 May.

About 24 per cent of nurses and midwives have already renewed their registration online and another one per cent of applications are under assessment. This is a strong start to the 2014 registration renewal campaign

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:

- 99.961 in New South Wales
- 95.695 in Victoria
- 68.851 in Queensland
- 37,031 in Western Australia
- 32,751 in South Australia
- 8.539 in Tasmania
- 5,805 in ACT, and
- 4,178 in the Northern Territory.

As part of the campaign, AHPRA – on behalf of the National Board – is sending out a series of reminders to nurses and midwives with a registered email address.

When applying to renew your registration you are required to give us your residential address. This information is not published on the <u>national register</u>. We need your residential address to help us process criminal history checks, and so you can be contacted – particularly if you are randomly selected for an audit.

### To update your contact details

Visit <a href="www.ahpra.gov.au">www.ahpra.gov.au</a> for access to AHPRA's secure online service 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.

If you experience difficulties using the online renewal service, phone our Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495 and a team member will talk you through the process.

#### To check the status of your application

Using an online service, you can check to see if the National Board has received your application. Search by registration number or your name and date of birth at the online receipt service at Renewal received - confirmation and progress page online

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

Under the National Law<sup>1</sup>, all registered nurses and midwives are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year.

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

- Registration standards
- Registration renewal
- FAQ for nurses and midwives
- FAQ for employers
- Non-practising registration fact sheet

### For more information

- Visit <u>www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au</u> to lodge an online enquiry form under Contact us
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
- For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).