

## Media release

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### Nurses and midwives – renewal reminder for 31 May

If you are a nurse or a midwife due to renew your registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (National Board) by 31 May, you have just over two weeks for timely renewal.

Over 360,500 nurses and midwives are registered with general or non-practising registration.

‘It is promising that more than 52% of nurses and midwives have already renewed registration,’ National Board Chair Dr Lynette Cusack said.

The majority of these renewed online, as did 96% per cent of nurses and midwives last year.

‘Our online services are there to help you - we want to make registration renewal as simple and straightforward as possible,’ Dr Cusack said.

As outlined in the National Law<sup>1</sup>, applications received after the registration expiry date will incur a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee.

Under the National Law, nurses and midwives who do not renew registration within one month of the registration expiry date will be removed from the [national register](#).

When this happens, your registration will lapse and you will not be able to practise as a nurse or midwife in Australia until a new application is approved.

If you:

- are experiencing difficulties using the online service, please phone AHPRA’s Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495 and a member of the team will talk you through the process.
- have submitted your application, you can find out if it has been received using the online service at [AHPRA - Renewal received confirmation](#).

Once your application to renew registration is received on time, you can continue practising while the application goes through processing.

Remember – your listing on the national register is evidence to current and prospective employers that you are registered to practise as a nurse and/or midwife.

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

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)

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

- [FAQ about continuing professional development](#)
- [FAQ about recency of practice](#)
- [FAQ about renewal for nurses and midwives](#)
- [FAQ about renewal for employers](#)

*For more information*

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