

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 29 August 2014 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the National Board or NMBA) is the national regulator for nursing and midwifery in Australia. It is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory ([the National Law](#)).

The National Board meets monthly and considers a range of matters, the most important of which are published in this Communiqué.

In order to facilitate engagement with local stakeholders across states and territories, the National Board now holds its monthly meeting in a different state and territory every two to three months.

This helps the National Board to gain a better understanding of the jurisdictional matters relating to the regulation of enrolled nurses, registered nurses, midwives and students.

It also supports information sharing on the National Board's strategic priorities, projects and regulatory functions with local representatives from the professional and industrial organisations, education providers and employers, health department and members of the local state or territory board of the NMBA.

[Nurse practitioner endorsement registration standard \(NMP00041\) public consultation](#)

The National Board approved the nurse practitioner endorsement registration standard for an eight week public consultation period. The consultation paper will be on the National Board website soon. ([link to the consultation page on the website](#))

[Health Profession Agreement 2014-2015](#)

The National Board and AHPRA have published the Health Profession Agreement that outlines the partnership between the National Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide to the National Board in 2014/2015.

The 2014/15 Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and AHPRA Health Profession Agreement is available at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au.

[NMBA board meeting dates and schedule 2015-2016](#)

The National Board approved the schedule of board meetings and locations to be held outside of the national Office for 2015-2016. The schedule is as follows:

2015	Location	2016	Location
February	Hobart, Tasmania	February	Sydney, NSW
April	Canberra, ACT	May	Darwin, NT
July	Brisbane, Queensland	September	Perth, WA
October	Adelaide, SA	November	Adelaide, SA

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

ANMAC approved Programs of Study

The Committee approved:

a. Full accreditation of midwifery programs for five years:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Griffith University	Bachelor of Midwifery	Logan campus, QLD
University of Western Sydney	Graduate Diploma of Midwifery	Parramatta, NSW

Full accreditation of midwifery and nursing programs for five years:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Edith Cowan University	Bachelor of Science Nursing/Bachelor of Science Midwifery	Joondalup campus, WA
Deakin University	Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery	Burwood, Geelong Waterfront and Warrnambool, VIC

Full accreditation of nursing programs for five years:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Holmesglen	Diploma of Nursing	Moorabbin, Vic
Gordon Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Geelong, Vic
Deakin University	Bachelor of Nursing and Associated Degrees	Burwood campus, Melbourne, Vic Geelong Waterfront campus, Vic Geelong Waurin Ponds campus, Vic Warrnambool, Vic
Sydney Nursing School, The University of Sydney	Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)	Camperdown, NSW

b. moving an approved midwifery programs of study from the NMBA Approved Programs of Study list into 'inactive':

Education Provider	Program	Details
Griffith University	Bachelor of Midwifery	ANMAC has accredited a Bachelor of Midwifery program to be offered by Griffith University. On approval of this program by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved program is to be moved to the Inactive List.
University of Western Sydney	Graduate Diploma in Midwifery	ANMAC has accredited a Graduate Diploma of Midwifery program to be offered by the University of Western Sydney. On approval of this program by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved program is to be moved to the Inactive List.

moving an approved midwifery and nursing programs of study from the NMBA Approved Programs of Study list into 'inactive':

Education Provider	Program	Details
Edith Cowan University	Bachelor of Science Nursing/Bachelor of Science Midwifery	ANMAC has accredited a Bachelor of Science Nursing/Bachelor of Science Midwifery program to be offered by Edith Cowan University. On approval of this program by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved program is to be moved to the Inactive List.
Deakin University	Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Midwifery	ANMAC has accredited a Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery program to be offered by Deakin University. On approval of this program by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved program is to be moved to the Inactive List.

moving an approved nursing programs of study from the NMBA Approved Programs of Study list into 'inactive':

Education Provider	Program	Details
Holmesglen	Diploma of Nursing	ANMAC has accredited a Diploma of Nursing program to be offered by Holmesglen. On approval of this program by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved program is to be moved to the Inactive List.

Gordon Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	ANMAC has accredited a Diploma of Nursing program to be offered by the Gordon Institute of TAFE. On approval of this program by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved program is to be moved to the Inactive List.
Deakin University	Bachelor of Nursing and Associated Degrees	ANMAC has accredited a Bachelor of Nursing and associated degree programs to be offered by Deakin University. On approval of these programs by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved programs are to be moved to the Inactive List.
University of Sydney	Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)	ANMAC has accredited the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) program to be offered by the University of Sydney. On approval of this program by the NMBA the currently accredited and approved program is to be moved to the Inactive List.

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Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
 22 September 2014

For more information

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