

Tribunal reprimands, disqualifies nurse and cancels registration

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Statement from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

The South Australian Health Practitioners Tribunal has reprimanded Ms Jayne Morley, cancelling her registration as a nurse and disqualifying her from applying for registration until 1 January 2018.

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia referred Ms Morley to the tribunal alleging that she dishonestly took a patient's credit card and charged to it a total of \$1,552.

The behaviour came to the Board's attention in November 2012 at which time it used its immediate action powers to suspend Ms Morley's registration. Ms Morley was subsequently convicted for the behaviour in the criminal courts.

In the course of Board's investigation, Ms Morley was found to have made misrepresentations to the Board about her past criminal history, by failing to disclose convictions for prior dishonesty offences as part of her registration renewal.

The tribunal found that Ms Morley's behaviour was a serious breach of trust amounting to professional misconduct and was inconsistent with her being fit and proper to hold registration.

The tribunal reached a unanimous decision about the form of discipline and:

- reprimanded her in the strongest possible terms
- cancelled her registration
- disqualified her from applying for registration until 1 January 2018, and
- prohibited her from providing the service of nursing or midwifery until 1 January 2018.

The reasons for the decision are on the [tribunal website](#).

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