

## Communiqué

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### Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 18 December in the AHPRA office, 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.

#### **Policies, guidelines and position statements review**

The NMBA conducted a review and analysis of the National Board's suite of documents to ensure consistency across the national policies, guidelines, standards, codes and position statements. The review identified a number of documents that required revision or re-write and a number of recommendations to improve stakeholder engagement with the National Board's web page.

A new suite of updated and streamlined NMBA documents including guidelines, policies, position statements, fact sheets and frameworks will be made available shortly on the [NMBA website](#).

#### **Visit by Michael Gorton AM – Chair, Agency Management Committee**

Mr Michael Gorton AM, chair of the [Agency Management Committee \(AManC\)](#) attended the NMBA Board meeting on 18 December 2014. This was Michael's first visit to NMBA and it provided an opportunity to deepen mutual understanding of the NMBA and AManC's roles and responsibilities and strengthen relationships that enable the two organisations to work effectively together.

#### **NMBA newsletter – December edition**

The NMBA has recently released the December edition of its newsletter. This newsletter contains important information relevant to the regulation and professional practice of nursing and midwifery in Australia. It also provides an update on all latest and critical NMBA activities, and is now available on the [NMBA website](#).

#### **NMBA annual report**

Late last year, we released our [annual report](#) looking at the NMBA's achievements, challenges and priorities during 2013/14. For the first time, we have also published a profession-specific profile – [Nursing and midwifery regulation at work in Australia, 2013/14](#).

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## Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following programs of study in December 2014

The Nursing and Midwifery Board has approved the following nursing programs for five years:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Deakin University	Master of Nursing Practice (Nurse Practitioner)	Melbourne, VIC
Southern Cross Education Institute	Diploma of Nursing	North Melbourne, VIC
Swinburne University of Technology	Diploma of Nursing	Wantirna, Melbourne
Mater Education Limited	Diploma of Nursing	South Brisbane, Queensland
South West Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Warrnambool; Hamilton; and Portland, VIC

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following major modifications of an accredited nursing program:

Education Provider	Program	Modification
University of Southern Queensland	Bachelor of Nursing	University of Southern Queensland has applied to offer the Bachelor of Nursing from an additional site in Ipswich, Queensland.
Institute of Health and Nursing Australia	Diploma of Nursing	The Institute of Health and Nursing Australia has applied to offer the Diploma of Nursing from an additional site in Sydney, New South Wales.
Australian Catholic University (ACUcom)	Diploma of Nursing	The Australian Catholic University (ACUcom) has applied to offer the Diploma of Nursing from the Aquinas campus, Ballarat, Victoria.
TAFE NSW	Diploma of Nursing	TAFE NSW Sydney Institute has applied to offer the Diploma of Nursing from an additional site in Randwick, New South Wales.

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following other amendments and matters for consideration for nursing and midwifery programs:

Education Provider	Program	Amendment
Aboriginal Health College	Diploma of Nursing	<p>The NMBA approved the Diploma of Nursing to be offered by the Aboriginal Health College on 1 May 2013.</p> <p>The program was approved with a condition that Aboriginal Health College is not to offer the HLT51612 Diploma of Nursing until Aboriginal Health College has the Diploma of Nursing on scope. This has now occurred so the condition has been removed.</p>

<b>University of Queensland</b>	Bachelor of Midwifery; Bachelor of Nursing; Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery	The University of Queensland offer an approved Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery and Education Program Leading to Endorsement of Schedule Medicines (Eligible Midwives) from the Ipswich, Queensland campus.  The University of Queensland will transfer teaching from the Ipswich, QLD campus to the St Lucia, QLD campus. Staff formerly based at Ipswich will transfer to St Lucia.
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The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following programs to move into 'inactive' in the list of approved programs of study (these programs are no longer approved for new enrolments):

Education Provider	Program
Deakin University	Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)
Swinburne University of Technology	Diploma of Nursing
Mater Education Limited	Diploma of Nursing

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the prolongation of accreditation for the following currently accredited nursing programs:

Education Provider	Program	Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
Box Hill TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	1 January 2015	1 April 2015
Mercy Health Training Institute	Return to Practice Registered Nurse	28 February 2015	28 February 2016
Mercy Health Training Institute	Initial Registration for Overseas Nurses – Registered Nurse	28 February 2015	28 February 2016

**Dr Lynette Cusack, Registered Nurse**  
Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia  
8 January 2015

#### For more information

- Keep up to date with regular news and updates on the National Board website [www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)
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