

Media release

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Nurses and midwives reminded to renew by 31 May

Nurses and midwives should renew their registration soon to avoid paying a late fee.

More than 360,000 nurses or midwives with general or non-practising registration are due to renew their registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) by 31 May.

More than 50 per cent have already renewed their registration – the majority of them online.

‘It’s great to see the high number of nurses and midwives using our secure online services to renew their registration,’ NMBA Chair, Dr Lynette Cusack RN, said.

‘There is just over two weeks left for registered and enrolled nurses, midwives and nurse practitioners to renew their registration on time.’

Late application fee

As outlined in the National Law¹, applications received after the registration expiry date will incur [a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee](#).

Nurses and midwives who do not renew registration within one month of the registration expiry date must, under the National Law, 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 is processed, even if this work is not completed until after 31 May.

¹ The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law)

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.

Useful information

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

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)
- [FAQ about renewal for nurses and midwives](#)
- [FAQ about renewal for employers](#)
- [Non-practising registration fact sheet](#)

For more information

- Lodge an [online enquiry form](#)
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 9275 9009 (overseas callers)
- For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200