

## Communiqué

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### Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 28 May in the AHPRA national 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 NMBA meets monthly and considers a range of matters, the most important of which are published in this Communiqué.

#### **Australia's first Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer retired**

The NMBA acknowledged the long and distinguished career of the Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer Dr Rosemary Bryant who retired on 29 May 2015.

Dr Rosemary Bryant has held important national and international positions, including Australia's first Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer and the 26th president of the International Council of Nurses (ICN).

Dr Bryant has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of nursing and midwifery both in Australia and overseas.

#### **Amended NMBA documents**

Following feedback from stakeholders the NMBA has reviewed and amended the below documents:

- Fact sheet – Nurse practitioner scope of practice – The Board approved amendment to the wording in the fact sheet *Scope of practice of nurse practitioners*.
- Position statement - Specialist recognition and the nursing profession – The board approved the revised wording of the position statement.

The revised documents will be available on the [NMBA website](#) in the coming weeks.

#### **NMBA budget finalised for 2015 - 2016**

The NMBA has finalised its budget for 2015 – 2016.

In February 2015, the NMBA approved its work plan aligning the activities, project initiatives and business as usual with the 2013-2016 NMBA strategic objectives.

The plan and approved budget enables the NMBA in partnership with AHPRA to deliver its regulatory functions and provide for protection of the public.

#### **NMBA Chair to present at PANDDA**

Dr Lynette Cusack, Chair of the NMBA will speak at the 2015 Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental/Intellectual Disability Australia (PANDDA) Conference. This annual two-day conference will be held from 13 to 15 September 2015 in Sydney.

## Re-entry to practice policy revised

The NMBA has approved a revised version of the policy for re-entry to practice. This policy will be effective from 1 August 2015 and provides information for nurses and midwives who wish to re-enter practice, but do not meet the [Recency of practice registration standard](#).

The NMBA has also approved provisional registration for nurses and midwives who are no longer registered and are applying to re-enter practice as a nurse or midwife. Provisional registration will also be available from 1 August 2015.

More information and the revised policy is available on the NMBA website in the coming weeks, earlier than the effective date to allow nurses and midwives to become familiar with the new requirements.

## NMBA Approved programs of study leading to registration and or endorsement

The NMBA has:

Approved full accreditation of a nursing program for five years:

Education provider	Program	Details
University of Tasmania	Bachelor of Nursing	Launceston and Hobart, Tasmania Rozelle and Darlinghurst, New South Wales

Moved the below approved nursing program of study from the NMBA Approved Programs of Study list into 'inactive':

Education provider	Program	Details
University of Tasmania	Bachelor of Nursing	ANMAC has accredited a Bachelor of Nursing program to be offered by the University of Tasmania. The current accredited and approved program will now be moved to the Inactive List.

Approved prolonging accreditation for the following currently accredited nursing programs:

Education Provider	Program	Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
ACT Health	Registered Nurse Refresher Program	30 June 2015	31 December 2015
ACT Health	Overseas Qualified Nurse Program Registered Nurse	30 June 2015	31 December 2015
University of Technology Sydney (UTS)	Bachelor of Nursing Accelerated Course for Enrolled Nurse	1 December 2015	1 December 2016
University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing Accelerated Stream Graduate Entry	1 December 2015	1 December 2016
Federation University	Diploma of Nursing	1 January 2016	31 May 2016

### Dr Lynette Cusack, Registered Nurse

Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia  
15 June 2015

### For more information

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