

Media release

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Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia maintains fee reduction for 2015/16

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the NMBA) has announced that in 2015/16 it will maintain its reduced national registration fee for nurses and midwives¹.

Last year the NMBA announced a \$10 fee reduction, lowering the registration fee to \$150. The reduced fee will continue in 2015/16 and will benefit nurses and midwives during the next registration renewal due by 31 May 2016. The regulation of nursing and midwifery is funded solely by registrant fees.

The fee for nurses and midwives whose principal place of practice is NSW will also remain at \$150.2

NMBA Chair, Dr Lynette Cusack RN said, 'It is important that the NMBA can continue to provide robust and safe regulation of nursing and midwifery in Australia and to protect the public, and that the fees should be reasonable.'

'I am pleased that we are able to maintain the reduced registration fees while continuing to fulfil our role as regulator for the nursing and midwifery professions,' said Dr Cusack.

A fees schedule, including the fee arrangements for nurses and midwives whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the NMBA's website.

The NMBA will also shortly publish the Health Profession Agreement (HPA). The HPA provides information about the NMBA's financial operations, outlines the partnership between the NMBA and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and the services AHPRA will provide to support the NMBA to regulate nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery.

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² NSW has a <u>co-regulatory jurisdiction</u>.

¹ Registrants who hold both nursing as well as midwifery registration only pay one registration fee.