

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia on 25 February in the AHPRA NSW Office, Sydney

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.

NMBA 25 February 2016 meeting

The NMBA February meeting was held at the AHPRA NSW Office on 25 February 2016 and the NMBA would like to extend their gratitude to the AHPRA NSW staff for their hospitality.

NMBA Sydney stakeholder forum

The forum was attended by more than 170 key stakeholders and registered nurses and midwives, and provided the NMBA with an opportunity to discuss the:

- NMBA's role and work in the regulation of nurses, midwives and students
- strategic direction and current priorities in registration, notifications and accreditation, and
- structure and partnerships in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Feedback from attendees was positive and confirmed the importance for the NMBA's to continue to hold stakeholder events to encourage interaction, participation and important dialogue with stakeholders and the NMBA.

Upcoming NMBA stakeholder engagement/information forums

The NMBA finalised a range of stakeholder events for 2016 in metropolitan and rural areas across all Australian States and Territories. Invitations will be sent by email prior to the events determined by registrant's principle place of practice. The stakeholder events/information forums are a valuable opportunity for the NMBA to engage with local nurses and midwives to ensure registrants are aware of their obligations under the National Law and any changes to registration standards, codes and guidelines.

Statutory Appointments – Tasmania

Applications are sought from interested persons in Tasmania to fill a practitioner member vacancy on the Tasmanian Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Applications close on Monday 4 April 2016. More information can be found on the [board recruitment page](#) or by email statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

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The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following programs of study in January and February 2016

The Nursing and Midwifery Board has approved major modifications of the following accredited nursing and midwifery programs:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
University of Sydney	Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program	Addition of a campus at Westmead Hospital, NSW
University of Sunshine Coast	Bachelor of Nursing Science	New campus at Hervey Bay, QLD
Central Queensland University	Registered Nurse Re-entry program	Addition of a campus in Rockhampton, QLD
University of Western Sydney	Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced) programs	Addition of a campus at Lithgow, NSW
Charles Darwin University	Bachelor of Midwifery	Utilisation of the Melbourne campus for Bachelor of Midwifery students

The Nursing and Midwifery Board has approved full accreditation of the following nursing program for five years:

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Southern Cross University	Graduate Certificate in Australian Nursing	Gold Coast

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
Edith Cowan University	Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	1 August 2017	28 August 2019
Federation Training	Diploma of Nursing	30 May 2016	30 May 2017
University of Queensland	Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies	20 December 2016	20 December 2017



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