

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia held on 29 June at 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.

Position statement on nurses and cosmetic procedures

The NMBA has approved a position statement on nurses and cosmetic procedures which will be published on the NMBA website shortly. The position statement provides guidance about the NMBA's expectations in regard to nurses who work in the area of cosmetic procedures.

Visits to state and territory boards by NMBA Chair and Executive Officer

Dr Lynette Cusack (Chair) and Ms Tanya Vogt (Executive Officer) of the NMBA attended meetings of the state and territory boards this month. Their attendance provided opportunities for engagement with the work of the state and territory boards and to share information about the work of the NMBA.

Framework for standards for practice

The NMBA approved a revised *Framework for assessing standards for practice*, to be published on the NMBA's website shortly.

The framework provides a resource for:

- persons assessing the standard for practice of nurses and/or midwives, and
- nurses and/or midwives whose performance is undergoing assessment.

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has considered the following programs of study in June 2016

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

Education Provider	Program	Campus
University of South Australia	Bachelor of Nursing	Adelaide – City East; Mount Gambier and Whyalla
University of South Australia	Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Bridging and Re-Entry) (Bridging)	Adelaide – City East

University of South Australia	Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Bridging and Re-Entry) (Re-Entry)	Adelaide – City East; Mount Gambier and Whyalla	
University of Technology Sydney	Bachelor of Midwifery	Broadway Campus	
University of Technology Sydney	Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation	Broadway Campus	
University of Technology Sydney	Graduate Diploma of Midwifery	Broadway Campus	
The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved major modifications of the following accredited nursing programs:			
Education Provider	Program	Campus	
Australian Catholic University	Diploma of Nursing	Additional Campus - Ararat	
Box Hill Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Additional Campus - Lilydale	
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		
University of South Australia	Bachelor of Nursing		
University of South Australia	Australian Registered Nurse Training Program (Bridging)		
University of South Australia	Australian Registered Nurse Training Program (Re-Entry)		
University of Technology Sydney	Bachelor of Midwifery		
University of Technology Sydney	Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation		
University of Technology Sydney	Graduate Diploma of Midwifery		
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
University of Canberra	Bachelor of Nursing	4 June 2017	4 June 2018
South Metropolitan TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	1 August 2017	30 June 2018
Central Regional TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	27 June 2017	27 June 2018

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

Education Provider	Program	Details
Royal Ghurkas Institute of Technology	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
TAFE Queensland Gold Coast	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115

An [on-line search](#) is available for all approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement as an enrolled nurse (EN), registered nurse (RN) and/or midwife. You can also search for approved programs of study leading to endorsements for RNs and midwives.

National Restrictions Library

Restrictions (conditions and undertakings) are a primary regulatory tool used to protect the public. Regulators place restrictions on registration as necessary in the course of an investigation and/or disciplinary procedure or as a result of a disciplinary procedure. Restrictions may also be imposed at the time of registration or renewal of registration, for various reasons.

A National Restrictions Library has been developed to provide a consolidated structure for common restrictions used across the regulatory functions of all of the National Boards and to support:

- consistency in recommendations from AHPRA to the National Boards and delegates
- consistency in the restrictions appearing on the national public register of health practitioners, and
- a best practice approach to monitoring compliance with restrictions.

More information about the National Restrictions Library, including a copy of the contents, can be found on [AHPRA's website](#).

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For more information

- Keep up to date with regular news and updates on the National Board website www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au
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