

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia held on 28 July 2016 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.

Chair of AHPRA's Agency Management Committee attendance at NMBA meeting

The Chair of AHPRA's Agency Management Committee, Mr Michael Gorton, provided an update to the NMBA on the Committee's priorities.

Mr Gorton acknowledged the NMBA's engagement with nurses and midwives through its information forums around the country, as well as the importance of the new national health support service to be launched in 2017.

Midwifery expert advisory group for standards for practice project

A midwifery expert advisory group has been established to provide advice and guidance to Deakin University and the NMBA on the drafting of the *Midwife standards for practice*.

There will be an opportunity for midwives to provide feedback on the draft standards during the public consultation phase of the project planned for early 2017.

Information forums

The NMBA continues to engage directly with nurses and midwives at information forums around the country.

In July, the NMBA visited Brisbane, Gold Coast and Adelaide and discussed registration changes in person with over 350 nurses and midwives, as well as videoconferencing with Queensland Health sites.

The NMBA will continue to host information forums nationally throughout 2016. Nurses and midwives will receive an invitation via email if a forum is scheduled near their place of work.

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

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

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

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Edith Cowan University	Master of Nursing	Joondalup Campus

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(Graduate Entry)

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the prolongation of accreditation for the following currently accredited nursing program:

Education Provider	Program	Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
University of Southern Queensland	Bachelor of Nursing	5 March 2017	5 March 2018

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

Education Provider	Program/s	Details
Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
TAFE SA	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
Institute of Health and Nursing Australia	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
Western Sydney University	Bachelor of Nursing Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced) Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) Master of Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) Bachelor of Midwifery Graduate Diploma in Midwifery	A name change from the University of Western Sydney to Western Sydney University. This change came into effect on 8 July 2016.

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.

New quarterly performance reports available

The January to March 2016 quarterly performance reports for AHPRA and the National Boards are now available.

The reports, which are part of an ongoing drive by AHPRA and the National Boards to increase their accountability and transparency, include data specific to each state and territory.

Each report covers AHPRA and the National Boards' main areas of activity:

- managing applications for registration as a health practitioner
- managing notifications about the health, performance and conduct of registered health practitioners and offences against the National Law, and

- monitoring health practitioners and students with restrictions on their registration.

The reports are available on the [Statistics](#) page. To provide feedback on the reports please email: reportingfeedback@ahpra.gov.au.

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For more information

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