

## Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia held on 29 September 2016 at the AHPRA Perth office.

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 meetings and information forums held in Perth

The NMBA held its monthly meetings in Perth and took the opportunity to hold four information forums for nurses and midwives. In addition, ten sites participated in the forums via videoconferencing including nurses and midwives in Albany, Kalgoorlie and Exmouth. These information forums covered the 1 June 2016 changes to registration standards, standards for practice and guidelines. The NMBA would like to thank the nurses and midwives who participated as well as the hosts of these events: St John of God Midland and Subiaco Hospitals, Royal Perth Hospital and Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre.

More information about the 1 June 2016 changes for nurses and midwives is available in the [news item](#).

### Position statement on vaccination

The NMBA has published a position statement outlining its expectations of nurses and midwives when providing advice about vaccinations.

For more information, please read the [position statement](#).

### Fact sheet: Advanced nursing practice and specialty areas within nursing

The NMBA has published a fact sheet which clarifies the use of the terms “advanced nursing practice” and “advanced practice nursing” from a regulatory perspective.

For more information, please view the [fact sheet](#).

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

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

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

Education Provider	Program	Campus
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing	Kelvin Grove Caboolture
Queensland University of	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Public	Kelvin Grove

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Technology	Health	
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Paramedic Science	Kelvin Grove
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Behavioural Science	Kelvin Grove

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

Education Provider	Program	Details
South West Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115

**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/s
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Public Health
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Paramedic Science
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Behavioural Science

An [online 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.

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**Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia**

#### For more information

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