

## Media release

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### Board and AHPRA publish health profession agreement

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) have published the health profession agreement (HPA) for 2016-20.

The HPA sets out the partnership between the NMBA and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide in supporting the NMBA to carry out its functions.

The NMBA and AHPRA work together to implement the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, (National Scheme), which is the scheme regulating registered nurses and midwives in Australia, in the public interest.

AHPRA CEO, Martin Fletcher, said that the NMBA and AHPRA are committed to working together, in the role both play in protecting the public through the regulation of the nursing and midwifery professions under the National Law<sup>1</sup>.

'The guiding principles of the National Law require the National Scheme to operate in a 'transparent, accountable, efficient, effective and fair way'. So it's important that nurses, midwives and the community know how AHPRA and the NMBA work in partnership to regulate the professions in the public interest and facilitate access to safer healthcare,' Mr Fletcher said.

NMBA Chair, Dr Lynette Cusack RN, said, 'The NMBA is committed to protecting the public and providing leadership to nurses and midwives through responsible regulation. In doing so, we strive to maintain clear and transparent communication with nurses, midwives and the public. Publishing the HPA demonstrates the NMBA's commitment to this transparency and its accountability in implementing the National Scheme.'

The 2016-20 NMBA and AHPRA Health Profession Agreement is available on the [Health Profession Agreements](#) page.

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<sup>1</sup> Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory.