

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia held on 24 November 2016 at the AHPRA South Australia office, Adelaide.

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 Code of conduct consultation opens in January 2017 for nurses, midwives and the public

The NMBA has reviewed its codes of conduct for nurses and midwives and will open a public consultation on the draft codes in January 2017.

The draft codes are research-based and have been through extensive consultation with the professions and other stakeholders. The development of the draft codes included:

- literature and evidence reviews,
- analysis of notification data on conduct, behaviour and boundaries for nurses and midwives to ensure contemporary conduct issues are captured in the codes,
- input from key stakeholder working groups, and
- focus group sessions held in metropolitan, rural and regional locations across Australia.

Every nurse and midwife in Australia will receive an invitation to have their say on the draft *Code of conduct* for their profession. The consultation survey will be available to the public on the NMBA website.

Chair of South Australian state board attends NMBA meeting

Linda Starr, Chair of the South Australian state board of the NMBA, attended the National Board meeting this month. Her attendance provided an opportunity for engagement with the work of the NMBA and to share information about the work of the South Australian board.

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

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

Full accreditation of the following nursing and midwifery programs for five years:

Education provider	Program	Campus
Victoria University	Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Nursing	St Albans
Central Queensland University	Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry)	Noosa; Mackay; Rockhampton and Cairns

Australian Catholic University	Diploma of Nursing	St Patricks; Aquinas and East Grampians Health Service	
Major modifications to accredited nursing and midwifery programs:			
Education provider	Program	Modification	
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery	Additional Campus – Bendigo	
Other amendments and matters for consideration for nursing programs:			
Education provider	Program	Details	
South Metropolitan TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Kangan Institute	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Gordon Institute	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Job Training Institute	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
North Metropolitan TAFE (formerly West Coast Institute of Technology)	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
North Metropolitan TAFE (formerly Central Institute of Technology)	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Equals International	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Victoria University	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
RMIT University	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Box Hill Institute	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Health Skills Australia	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Your Life Health and Learning	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Skills Training Australia	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
TAFE NSW	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115	
Monash University	Master of Nursing Practice	Rename current program to Master of Nursing.	
Moving approved nursing programs of study from the NMBA Approved Programs of Study list into 'inactive':			
Education provider	Program		
Australian Catholic University	Diploma of Nursing		
Prolongation of accreditation for currently accredited nursing programs:			
Education provider	Program	Expiry date	Revised expiry date
University of Adelaide	Bachelor of Nursing	28/06/2018	28/06/2019
Central Queensland University	Registered Nurse Re-entry Program	01/05/2017	01/07/2017

University of Technology Sydney	Master of Advanced Nursing in Nurse Practitioner	20/12/2016	30/04/2017
Skills Training Australia	Diploma of Nursing	14/12/2016	30/06/2017

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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