

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia held on 15 December 2016 at the Stamford Plaza, 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.

Nurse & Midwife Support to launch in March 2017

March 2017 will see the commencement of Nurse & Midwife Support – the national health support service for nurses, midwives, students and employers.

This nationwide support service will offer 24/7 professional, confidential advice and referral about health issues for nurses and midwives, via telephone and online.

NMBA Code of conduct public consultation opens in January 2017

In February 2017, all nurses and midwives will receive an invitation from the NMBA to give their feedback on the draft codes of conduct for their professions, as part of the public consultation before the codes are finalised. The new codes of conduct will be launched later in 2017.

Midwife standards for practice project update

The new *Midwife standards for practice* are being developed by Deakin University on behalf of the NMBA, and the public consultation on the draft standards is expected to open in May 2017.

The project includes a review of the existing *National competency standards for the midwife* (2006) and is expected to be completed in early 2018.

Internationally qualified nurses and midwives outcomes-based assessment

In 2017, the NMBA is developing a model for outcomes-based assessment for internationally qualified nurses and midwives (IQNMs).

This model will allow a more consistent and robust assessment of IQNMs, and align with international best practice standards.

Merry Christmas and happy new year from the NMBA

The NMBA wishes all nurses and midwives around Australia a merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

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

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

Education provider	Program	Campus
Edith Cowan University	Graduate Certificate Midwifery Diagnostics and Prescribing	Joondalup
University of Sunshine Coast	Bachelor of Midwifery	Sippy Downs
University of Sunshine Coast	Bachelor of Nursing Science / Bachelor of Midwifery	Sippy Downs and Sunshine Coast Health Institute
Queensland University of Technology	Master of Nurse Practitioner	Kelvin Grove – QLD
Southern Cross University	Bachelor of Nursing including Enrolled Nurse Pathway	Lismore – NSW Coffs Harbour – NSW Gold Coast - QLD

Other amendments and matters for consideration for nursing programs:

Education provider	Program	Details
Job Training Institute	Diploma of Nursing	Removal of program site – Adelaide SA
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
Wodonga Institute of TAFE – ADF	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
University of Notre Dame	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
Central Regional TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of course code HLT54115
Central Queensland University	Diploma of Nursing	Addition of program sites Noosa and Cairns
Flinders University	Bachelor of Nursing (includes Graduate Entry and Re-entry pathways)	Rename current program to Bachelor of Nursing
Flinders University	Graduate Certificate Midwifery (leading to endorsement for Scheduled Medicines for Eligible)	Rename current program to Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (leading to endorsement for Scheduled Medicines for Eligible Midwives)
Yourlife Health and Learning	Diploma of Nursing	Amendment to website information for a correction of site – replace St Albans with Keswick
North Metropolitan TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	Amendment to website information for a correction of site – replace Mt Lawley with Joondalup

Moving approved nursing programs of study from the NMBA Approved Programs of Study list into 'inactive':

Education provider	Program
University of Sunshine Coast	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery
Queensland University of Technology	Master of Nursing Science (Nurse Practitioner)

Southern Cross University	Bachelor of Nursing including Enrolled Nurse Pathway		
Prolongation of accreditation for currently accredited nursing programs:			
Education provider	Program	Expiry date	Revised expiry date
University of Notre Dame	Graduate Diploma of Midwifery	01/05/2017	01/01/2018
Western Sydney University	Master of Nursing (Mental Health)	30/07/2017	30/11/2017

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.

Dr Lynette Cusack, Registered Nurse
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