

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 23 October 2014 in the AHPRA 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 National Board meets monthly and considers a range of matters, the most important of which are published in this Communiqué.

In order to facilitate engagement with local stakeholders across states and territories, the National Board now holds its monthly meeting in a different state and territory every two to three months.

This helps the National Board to gain a better understanding of the jurisdictional matters relating to the regulation of enrolled nurses, registered nurses, midwives and students.

It also supports information sharing on the National Board's strategic priorities, projects and regulatory functions with local representatives from the professional and industrial organisations, education providers and employers, health department and members of the local state or territory board of the NMBA.

Nurse practitioner endorsement and scheduled medicines registration standards consultation

The National Board approved the release of the following papers for public consultation

- review of the Nurse practitioner endorsement registration standard the registration standard
 - [Public consultation paper - Endorsement as a nurse practitioner registration standard and supporting documentation](#) (478 KB, PDF), [Word version](#) (139 KB, DOCX)
- endorsement for scheduled medicines for eligible midwives registration standard
 - [Public Consultation - Registration standard endorsement for scheduled medicines for eligible midwives](#) (475 KB, PDF), [Word version](#) (113 KB, DOCX)

Released: 24 October 2014

Closes: 19 December 2014

Please provide written submissions by email, marked 'Consultation – Review of the registration standard endorsement for scheduled medicines for eligible midwives' to nmbafeedback@ahpra.gov.au by close of business **19 December 2014**.

Please send submissions in Word format so that we can conform to W3C's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 when we publish submissions.

Stakeholder forum Victoria

The National Board held a stakeholder forum on 24 October 2014 in Melbourne. Participants included nursing and midwifery professional associations and education providers.

The purpose of the forum was to enable:

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- the National Board to outline its strategic directions and work of National committees for policy, accreditation, finance and governance, and
- local stakeholders to ask questions and discuss the National Board's role and work in regulating nurses, midwives and students.

In addition to a question and answer session, topics covered included:

- National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme)
- Functions of the National Board
- Functions of AHPRA
- NMBA strategic plan 2013-2015
- State and territory boards of the NMBA, and
- National Committees of the National Board i.e. Finance and Governance Committee, Policy Committee and the Accreditation Committee.

As well as National Board members presenting, Vic AHPRA representatives were in attendance to address operational matters arising. Participant feedback was good overall and confirmed that the forum provided networking opportunities, with good participation and interaction.

Approved programs of study leading to registration and endorsement

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The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following full accreditation of nursing programs for five years:		
Education Provider	Program	Campus
Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Nursing	Albury, Bathurst, Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, Wangaratta
University of Southern Queensland	Graduate Certificate in Health (Scheduled Medicines)	Toowoomba campus, Queensland
Careers Australia	Diploma of Nursing	Melbourne, VIC; Adelaide SA; Sydney NSW; Brisbane, QLD; Burleigh, QLD.
Australian Nursing Federation (Tasmania)	Diploma of Nursing	Hobart, Tasmania
Mayfield Education	Diploma of Nursing	Hawthorn East, VIC
University of Notre Dame (Sydney)	Bachelor of Nursing	Darlinghurst, NSW
The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has approved the following major modifications of an accredited nursing programs:		
Education Provider	Program	Modification
Southern Cross University	Bachelor of Nursing	SCU submitted an application for approval of a pathway for enrolled nurses who hold current registration

		in Australia to articulate into the Bachelor of Nursing program with recognition of prior learning granted for specific components of the program.
University of Southern Queensland	Bachelor of Nursing	The program will be offered at an additional campus; Geraldton, in the same way as it is offered in Hervey Bay and Toowoomba, Queensland.

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

Education Provider	Program	Amendment
University of Technology Sydney	Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Major)	The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) has advised ANMAC of a name change to the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Major) approved program. The revised name is Master of Advanced Nursing in Nurse Practitioner.

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
Deakin University	Return to Practice Program for Midwives
Careers Australia	Diploma of Nursing
Kings Unitech	Diploma of Nursing
Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Nursing
Mayfield Education	Diploma of Nursing
University of Notre Dame (Sydney)	Bachelor of Nursing

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 9 December 2014

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