

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 30 July in the AHPRA Queensland office, Brisbane

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 July meeting

The NMBA was pleased to welcome the Queensland (Qld) NMBA board chair Professor Patsy Yates to the NMBA meeting in July, at the AHPRA Qld office in Brisbane.

The NMBA holds its monthly meeting in a different state and territory every two to three months, to facilitate engagement with local stakeholders across states and territories. This also helps the NMBA to gain a better understanding of the jurisdictional matters relating to the regulation of enrolled nurses, registered nurses, midwives and students.

These meetings support information sharing on the NMBA's strategic priorities, projects and regulatory functions with local representatives from the professional and industrial organisations, education providers employers, health departments and members of the local state or territory board of the NMBA.

The next meeting will be held at the national office in Melbourne.

NMBA Stakeholder forum – Queensland

The NMBA held a stakeholder forum on 29 July 2015 in Brisbane. Participants included nursing and midwifery employers, professional associations, Qld government and health minister representatives, the Health Ombudsman of Queensland and nursing and midwifery education providers. The purpose of the forum was to enable:

- the NMBA to outline its strategic directions and work of the NMBA committees for policy, accreditation, finance and governance, and
- local stakeholders to ask questions and discuss the NMBA'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 NMBA
- 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.

Participant feedback was positive and confirmed that the forum provided networking opportunities, with good participation and interaction.

Attendance at ANZCCNM meeting – 3 July 2015

The NMBA attended Australian and New Zealand Council of Chief Nurses and Midwives (ANZCCNM) meeting on 3 July 2015. Ms Louise Horgan from the NMBA presented a report on various issues including the NMBA's recent successful registration renewal campaign.

This is a quarterly meeting that provides the NMBA the opportunity to consult with the ANZCCNM.

12th Biennial National Enrolled Nurse Association of Australia (NENA) Conference

The NMBA will present at the 12th Biennial National Enrolled Nurse Association of Australia (NENA) Conference on 21 October 2015, in Adelaide. The presentation will focus on the review of the National Competency Standards for ENs, the Development of the New EN Standards for Practice and the Review of National Codes.

As well as presenting, the NMBA will also host a small exhibition booth that will run for the duration of the conference.

More information on the conference is available on the [NENA website](#).

NMBA Approved programs of study leading to registration and or endorsement

At the July 2015 meeting the NMBA approved the following:

Full accreditation of nursing programs for five years:

Education provider	Program	Campus
Murdoch University	Bachelor of Nursing	Mandurah and Perth, Western Australia
Australasian Lawrence Aged Care College	Re-entry to the Register Enrolled Nurse	Preston, Melbourne
Australasian Lawrence Aged Care College	Entry program for Internationally Qualified Nurse Enrolled Nurse	Preston, Melbourne
Menzies Institute of Technology	Diploma of Nursing	Spencer street and Latrobe street, Melbourne

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

Education Provider	Program	Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
University of Southern Queensland	Master of Midwifery	The University of Southern Queensland has notified ANMAC that the Master of Midwifery program is no longer open for enrolment and requested the program move to the Inactive list	University of Southern Queensland

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

Education Provider	Program	Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
Murdoch University	Bachelor of Nursing	ANMAC has accredited a Bachelor of Nursing program to be offered by Murdoch University. The current accredited and approved program will now be moved to the Inactive list.	Murdoch University

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