

Communiqué

Meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia 30 June in the AHPRA national 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 NMBA meets monthly and considers a range of matters, the most important of which are published in this Communiqué.

National Committee appointments – Tasmania

The Tasmanian Minister for Health, Mr. Michael Fergusson, has appointed registered nurse and midwife, Mrs. Lynette Staff to the Tasmanian State Board from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018.

In this period Mrs. Staff will also serve on the Tasmanian Immediate Action Committee of the NMBA.

As of 30 June 2015, current Tasmanian Board Member Ms Susan Hughes has completed her appointment with the Immediate Action Committee. The NMBA thanks Ms Hughes for her extensive service in relation to the regulation of nurses and midwives in Australia.

National Committee appointments – New South Wales

The New South Wales Minister for Health, Ms Jill Skinner, has made the following appointments to the NSW State Board of the NMBA, for a term of approx two years effective 7 May 2015 to 30 June 2017:

- current registered midwife and nurse, Ms Susan Hendy as Chair of the NSW Board of the NMBA
- current registered nurse, Ms Liza Edwards as Deputy Chair of the NSW Board of the NMBA noting that the member is employed as the nurse practitioner policy officer for NSW Health

The NMBA congratulates Ms Susan Hendy and Ms Liza Edwards on their appointments to the NSW Board.

English Language Skills Registration Standard policy

To provide guidance on Pathway 5 of the revised NMBA English Language Skills registration standard the NMBA has approved [an English Language Skills \(ELS\) Policy](#) that commenced on 1 July 2015.

More information including [the English Language Skills \(ELS\) Policy](#) is available on the NMBA website.

Nurse Practitioner accreditation standards

The NMBA has approved the *Nurse Practitioner Accreditation Standards*, developed by the [Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council](#) (ANMAC). These accreditation standards detail the

minimum requirements that higher education providers must meet to have a nurse practitioner masters program accredited by ANMAC and approved by the NMBA.

The revised standards will be available on the [ANMAC website](#) in the coming weeks.

Revised re-entry to practice policy - update

The NMBA has extended the announcement of its revised re-entry to practice policy to 1 August 2015. The extension aims to provide a better registrant experience and ensure that all relevant forms, factsheets and documents are available to applicants and interested parties at the time of announcement.

The policy will now be effective from 1 September 2015, provides information for nurses and midwives who wish to re-enter practice, but do not meet the [Recency of practice registration standard](#).

More information and the revised policy will be available on the NMBA website in the coming weeks, earlier than the effective date to help nurses and midwives to become familiar with the new requirements.

NMBA Approved programs of study leading to registration and or endorsement

At the June 2015 meeting the NMBA approved:

Major modifications to the following accredited nursing program:

Education provider	Program	Modification
Wodonga TAFE	Diploma of Nursing	The Diploma of Nursing will be delivered at an additional site at HMAS Penguin, Sydney, New South Wales

Prolongation of accreditation for the following currently accredited nursing program:

Education Provider	Program	Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
University of South Australia	Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)	29 July 2016	29 July 2017

Dr Lynette Cusack, Registered Nurse
Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
14 July 2015

For more information

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