

## Statement

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### Board kicks off 2012 renewal campaign

#### **330,000 nurses and midwives due to renew registration by 31 May 2012**

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the Board) has launched its 2012 registration renewal campaign, reminding Australia's 330,000 nurses and midwives to update their contact details and make sure they renew online, on time by 31 May 2012.

Supporting the campaign is the Board's first e-newsletter, to be sent this week to every registered nurse, enrolled nurse and midwife in Australia who has given the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) their email address and stakeholders.

Highlights of the newsletter include important information about the renewal of registration and the new fee for the year, online renewal application capability from early April, changes to declarations for those who hold registration as a nurse and a midwife, professional indemnity insurance information for midwives, and nurses who hold a sole qualification in mental health nursing.

The Board has announced a fee of \$160 for the 2012 registration renewal period, the lowest of all renewal of registration fees for practitioners in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), although an increase greater than CPI on the 2011 annual fee.

Board Chair Ms Anne Copeland said the fee was fair and reasonable and was set at a level to enable the Board to effectively regulate nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery in Australia and meet its legal responsibilities under the National Law.

"The National Scheme is funded solely by registrants' fees and there is no cross-subsidisation between professions, so we need to make sure the Board can properly fund its work in protecting the public by regulating the nursing and midwifery professions in the public interest," Ms Copeland said.

She said the fee would enable the Board to exercise sound governance and financial management and meet its regulatory responsibilities, including establishing reliable and consistent systems to support the more robust requirements of the National Scheme.

"The fee has also been set to allow the Board to protect the integrity of the accreditation of nursing and midwifery programs of study through support for the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC)," Ms Copeland said.

Read the Board newsletter [here](#)

Update your contact details with AHPRA [here](#)

Renew online, on time – online renewals open early April – look for reminders from AHPRA

### **About the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia**

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia is responsible for registering, developing standards for and handling notifications of nurses and midwives. It does this through the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) which regulates health professionals under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law). The Board is supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). For more information about the Board, please go to [www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au).

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