

Media release

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Online renewal for nurses and midwives is now open

Online renewal is now open for nurses and midwives registered to practise in Australia.

Over 360,000 nurses and midwives are due to renew their general or non-practising registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the National Board/NMBA) by 31 May.

Registered and enrolled nurses, midwives and nurse practitioners should look out for an email this week from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) reminding them to renew registration.

The email is the first in a series of email and hard copy reminders being sent by AHPRA on behalf of the NMBA. If you do not receive a reminder email please check your contact details held by AHPRA are up to date. To do this go to online services on the homepage of the NMBA's website and click *Update your contact details*. A [User ID and password](#) is needed to access this secure portal.

If you do not renew your registration by 31 May, or within the following one-month late period, your registration will lapse. Your name will be removed from the national register of nurses and midwives and you will not be able to practise without making a new application for registration.

We have reduced your registration fees!

Your national registration fee is now \$150 for general registrants. We are committed to maintaining fees at a reasonable level for registrants, while still ensuring we can deal with unexpected regulatory matters as they arise.

Registrants who hold both nursing and midwifery registration will continue to only pay one registration fee.

To find out more, read the [media release](#) on the NMBA website.

Registration requirements

National Board Chair Dr Lynette Cusack, RN. reminded nurses and midwives to carefully read the Board's requirements for registration renewal.

'The main aim of the Board is to protect the public and one way it does this is to audit nurses and midwives to ensure compliance with mandatory registration standards,' she said.

'Renewing registration is not just ticking boxes so any nurse or midwife who is found to have made a false declaration can expect the Board to take action against their registration.'

Online registration

Last year, 97 per cent of nurses and midwives renewed their registration online and on time. Board Chair, Dr Lynette Cusack RN, said this was a 2 per cent increase in the online renewal rate for 2014.

'Online renewal is quick and easy and the nursing and midwifery profession has one of the highest user rates of all the health professions in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme who access this secure service,' she said.

If you cannot access online renewal:

- Update your password to access online renewal by using the password reset function
- Your browser may not be up to date, if you are using internet explorer 6. To avoid an interruption to service, it is recommended you [upgrade to the newest version of Internet Explorer](#) which is available for free from Microsoft.

Easter closure

Between the 2 April 2015 and 6 April 2015 the online renewal service will be unavailable due to a system upgrade.

Useful information

The following pages on the NMBA website contain useful information for nurses and midwives; and their employers:

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)
- [FAQ for nurses and midwives](#)
- [FAQ for employers](#)
- [Non-practising registration fact sheet](#)

For more information

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