

I am writing to provide you with information about the new arrangements for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia that will start on 1 July 2010.

It is very important that you ensure that you are currently registered with the nursing and midwifery board in the state or territory in which you practise. This will ensure that you transition smoothly into the national scheme and are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. It is also important that you check that your contact details and mailing address with the current State or Territory board are correct.

Toward the end of April 2010, every nurse and midwife will receive a letter from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. This letter will list your registration details as currently recorded by the registration board in the state or territory in which you are registered and your proposed registration type under the National Law that will apply after 1 July 2010. The letter from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia will also give details of your obligations under the national law, and the national registration fee that will apply when your current registration period expires and you renew with the national scheme.

It is essential that you take the time to check the accuracy of the information in the letter and promptly provide feedback to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), the Agency that is supporting the Board, if something is not correct.

Nurses and midwives who are registered in multiple jurisdictions may receive more than one letter, although we are advised that data cleansing and de-duplication work is being undertaken to reduce the likelihood of this occurring.

A feedback form will be enclosed with the letter which needs to go back to AHPRA if corrections are required or more than one letter is received.

All nurses and midwives who are registered on 30 June 2010 will be automatically registered in the national scheme until the end date of their current registration. Annual registration renewal for nurses and midwives with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia will be on 31 May, regardless of the State or Territory in which you practise. If you are due to renew your registration between now and 30 June 2010, your registration will be valid until the end date. The next time you renew in 2011 will be with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and will be for a period that brings you in line with the 1 May registration renewal date for all nurses and midwives.

Further information is available on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website which is accessible via www.ahpra.gov.au or directly at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au.

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