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NMC: Need to know - President's message



Welcome to the May 2018 issue of the [Nursing and Midwifery Council of New South Wales](#) newsletter.

With the new financial year in our sights, it has been a busy period here at the Council with a number of projects in their final stages including the new Strategic Plan which will guide us from 2018-2021.

A new Communications and Engagement Strategy is also being developed, as well as the near finalisation of a number of new policies after periods of consultation.

With annual renewals being due on 31 May, in this issue, we are focusing on preparation for registration, including an overview of the registration standards and the code of conduct. If you want to test your understanding of the codes, please take our specially developed quiz!

There is also a case study exploring the registration standard of continuing professional development as well as a case study which focuses on the importance of effective communication in building positive professional relationships.

The Council would also like to note that this month celebrated both International Day of the Midwife (5 May) and International Nurses Day (12 May). The midwifery theme for 2018 is '[leading the way with quality care](#)'. It highlights the vital role that midwives play in ensuring safe childbirth and respectful, well-resourced maternity care. The focus for nurses in 2018 is health as a human right and the lead voice that nurses have in facilitating accessible health care.

We proudly acknowledge and support the delivery of accessible safe quality care that nurses and midwives provide in varied and challenging situations to promote the health of individuals and communities within towns, states and countries.

Adj Prof John G Kelly AM
Council President

News and Events

- **Have you renewed your annual registration?** Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, you must renew your general or non-practising registration by 31 May. Read our article to find out more.
- **How are you going with the new codes of conduct?** Released on 1 March, the codes are an important support for your provision of safe practice. View the codes and supporting fact sheets [here](#) and test your knowledge in our quiz below.
- **Want to learn more about the provision of patient-centred care?** [Check out these videos](#) published by the Clinical Excellence Commission.
- **Are you a practitioner or organisation which advertises?** Do you know your professional and legal obligations? The National Boards and AHPRA have launched a [handy self-assessment tool for practitioners and advertisers](#).
- **The Report and outcomes on the review of cosmetic procedures is now available.** [View the web article here](#).
- **New midwifery standards for practice were released on 1 May!** They will come into effect on 1 October and are viewable on the professional standards section of the [NMBA site](#).

Case Study: Effective Communications



Nurses and midwives work in situations that are complex and often challenging. They are caring for vulnerable people who may react to stress in a variety of ways. Effective communication is the key to person-centred, safe and respectful care....

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CPD – are you meeting registration requirements?



All practicing health practitioners are required to participate regularly in CPD relevant to their scope of practice, and as a requirement for annual registration.

When completing registration as a nurse or midwife, you agree to adhere to the Registration Standard; Continuing Professional Development. Are you meeting requirements? [Read more...](#)

NMC Update



Coming soon! New 'Supervision Compliance' and 'Drug and Alcohol Screening' [policies](#)

Professional Officer secondment and Nurse Educator contract available soon. [Find out more...](#)

Spotlight on Practice Issues: Are you registration ready? Don't make a false declaration!



In order to practise in Australia and under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, all nurses and midwives must be registered and meet the NMBA's registration standards. Your general or

non-practising registration should be renewed by 31 May annually and can be completed online.

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Spotlight on Practice Issues: New Codes of conduct - Test your knowledge



On March 1, the NMBA released the new Code of conduct for nurses and the new Code of conduct for midwives.

The codes are consistent with the National Law and set out the legal requirements, professional behaviour and conduct expectations for all midwives and nurses within Australia.

Take our quiz and test your knowledge in preparation to make your registration declarations!

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