

Transition Policy for new Accreditation Standards

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Related Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 • Accreditation Policy and Procedure
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Glossary

Glossary terms in the Transition policy for new document appear in ANMAC's online glossary. It is available on ANMAC's website (<https://www.anmac.org.au/glossary>).

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) continues to be satisfied that the education program and education provider meet an approved accreditation standards in accordance with Section 50 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (National Law).

2. Scope

This policy applies to all ANMAC accredited/Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) approved nursing and midwifery education programs and providers.

3. Policy statement

In preparation for the release of new accreditation standards, ANMAC must notify education providers that the current accreditation standards are under review and will be superseded with the release of the new accreditation standards. ANMAC will manage the transition to new accreditation standards in accordance with this policy in a transparent, fair and timely way.

Submissions during the review period

During the review process ANMAC only accepts submissions against the current accreditation standards up until the date of approval of the new accreditation standards by the NMBA.

If a preliminary review of a submission made against expiring standards indicates that the submission is not of sufficiently high quality, the submission will not be further assessed. The education provider will be required to re-submit against the new accreditation standards. ANMAC will consider a short prolongation of accreditation expiry date in these circumstances.

Submissions against the current accreditation standards must be finalised within 12 months of the release of the new accreditation standards. If this timeframe is not met, education providers will be required to resubmit against the new accreditation standards.

Transitioning to new accreditation standards

ANMAC must determine if new accreditation standards include significant changes that require transition of accredited and NMBA approved programs of study to meet the significant changes in selected criteria.

ANMAC will manage the transition in accordance with established procedures and timeframes. ANMAC will provide education providers with a timeline to transition their currently approved programs to the selected criteria.

4. Principles

Under Section 50 of the National Law, ANMAC's responsibility extends to ensuring programs and education providers continue to meet relevant accreditation standards across the accreditation period. To fulfil this function ANMAC has in place a process of transition to new accreditation standards.

- 4.1 ANMAC will provide sufficient notice to education providers of any significant changes in the new accreditation standards to which currently accredited and approved programs of study are required to transition.

- 4.2 ANMAC will determine the evidence that education providers will need to submit to demonstrate transition to the new accreditation standards.
- 4.3 ANMAC will assess the evidence provided to determine that all accredited and approved programs have transitioned to the new accreditation standards.
- 4.4 ANMAC will provide notice to the education provider that the accredited and approved program meets the significant changes in new accreditation standards.

5. Roles and responsibilities

The Chief Executive Officer has overall responsibility for ensuring that ANMAC continues to be satisfied that accredited and approved programs and providers meet an approved accreditation standard.

The Director Accreditation Services is responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this policy through creation of maintenance of effective procedures provided in the Accreditation Policy and Procedure.