

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Integrating new NMBA standards for practice

The NMBA [standards for practice](#), (formerly referred to as competency standards), reflect contemporary nursing and midwifery practice to ensure the protection of the public in Australia. Once new standards for practice come into effect, it is the NMBA's expectation that the ANMAC accreditation standards and all NMBA approved programs of study will be aligned to these new professional standards.

This applies to all NMBA standards for practice including those that have already come into effect: the [Enrolled Nurse standards for practice](#) (as of 1 January 2016); the [Registered Nurse standards for practice](#) (as of 1 June 2016); the [Midwife standards for practice](#) (as of 1 October 2018) and any future standards for practice developed and approved by the NMBA.

ANMAC expects that this work will be undertaken by education providers for all programs of study as the standards for practice come into effect. Evidence of this work is to be provided in the Program Monitoring Report submitted annually on the anniversary of accreditation.

Activity Summary

To declare new standards for practice are integrated into a program of study, education providers may need to have completed the following activities:

- Integrated the new standards for practice and removed any reference to superseded standards for practice or National competency standards in all policies, procedures, processes and practices – where applicable. For example, specified in policies relating to credit transfer or RPL that assessment is to be undertaken against the new standards for practice.
- Reviewed and amended the curriculum document to (reflect the new standards for practice ensuring removal of any reference to the National competency standards.
- Mapped subject outlines, learning outcomes, assessments and graduate outcomes (as required by the program provider) against the new standards for practice and removed any reference to the National competency standards.
- Amended assessment tools to the new standards for practice and removed any reference to superseded standards for practice or the National competency standards.

- Adequately prepared teaching staff, including clinical assessors and supervisors, to apply the new standards for practice.
- Assimilated terminology and concepts used in the new standards for practice into program content and removed any reference to superseded standards for practice or the National competency standards.
- Integrated wording and concepts used in the new standards for practice into materials used across all modalities and locations and removed any reference to superseded standards for practice or the National competency standards.

Contact

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