

National Implementation Oversight Group

Meeting Communiqué 16 December 2025

An Implementation Oversight Group (IOG) has been established to guide the national roll-out of designated RN prescribing and will provide quarterly updates to the national Health Workforce Taskforce. IOG membership includes representatives from jurisdictional and Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers/Chief Nurse Officers, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)/Ahpra and the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC). The group will work with key stakeholders to oversee a nationally consistent approach to implementation by managing risks, supporting clinical governance, and aligning prescribing practices with state and territory drugs and poisons legislation.

The IOG will meet approximately every two months, with relevant stakeholders invited to attend meetings for specified agenda items.

Two meetings of the IOG have been held and the meetings to date have focused on:

- Agreeing the IOG Terms of Reference and governance structure
- Confirming the establishment and role of a new national Program Office for designated RN prescribing
- Developing draft national templates for the Prescribing Agreement and Clinical Mentorship Agreement, building on the requirements within the [Registration Standard and Guidelines](#). The national templates have been endorsed by the IOG for consultation and will be distributed to key stakeholders in early 2026 for review and feedback
- Undertaking stakeholder analysis, to inform the Program Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Plan
- Developing the overarching Program Plan, including objectives, scope, key deliverables and milestones, dependencies, risks and issues.

Other key updates discussed at the meeting:

- The first two programs of study for designated registered nurse prescribing have been accredited and approved
- Jurisdictions are establishing policy and regulatory frameworks to operationalise the prescribing model within their State/Territory
- The Commonwealth [Health Legislation Amendment \(Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits\) Bill 2025](#) has been tabled.

Links to NMBA/Ahpra Resources

- Designated RN prescribing enquiries:
rnprescribing@nursingandmidwiferyboard.gov.au
- Registration standard: [Endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber](#)
- [Guidelines for registered nurses applying for and with the endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber](#)
- Fact Sheet – [Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber](#)
- Latest list of [approved programs of study](#) for designated RN prescribing

Links to ANMAC Resources

- [Registered Nurse Prescribing Accreditation Standards 2025](#)
- [Registered Nurse Prescribing Accreditation Standards 2025 Evidence Guide](#)