Application for Endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner

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Topics of this presentation

• Endorsement by State and Territory
• Implications of the new scheme
• Definitions on Advanced Practice and Nurse Practitioner
• General information for Nurse Practitioner application
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  – Pathway 1
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• Questions
Registered Nurses: Endorsement by State and Territory

The endorsement of registration identifies registered nurses with additional qualifications and specific expertise. The National Board endorsements for registered nurses are:

- Nurse practitioner – includes prescribing scheduled medicines
- Registered nurse - supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)

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**To obtain the total number of Nurse Practitioners or Registered Nurses endorsed to supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice) in Australia please refer to the Nurse and Midwife Data report and add the data from each table together to obtain the total number by state, territory or nationally.
Implications of the National Scheme

• National registration & accreditation standards
• Consistent laws for protection of the public
• A national licence for nurses and midwives through a national register
• Workforce mobility
• Non-practicing category of registration
• Student registration
Definitions – Advanced practice

**Advanced practice nursing defines a level of nursing** practice that uses extended and expanded skills, experience and knowledge in assessment, planning, implementation, diagnosis and evaluation of the nursing care required. Nurses practising at this level are educationally prepared at postgraduate level and may work in a specialist or generalist capacity. However, the basis of advanced practice is the high degree of knowledge, skill and experience applied in the nurse-patient/client relationship to achieve optimal outcomes through critical analysis, problem solving and accurate decision-making (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC) 2006).
Definitions – Nurse practitioner

_Nurse practitioner means a nurse whose registration has_ been endorsed by the Board as a nurse practitioner under section 95 of the National Law. A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse who is educated and endorsed to function autonomously and collaboratively in an advanced and extended clinical role. The nurse practitioner role includes assessment and management using nursing knowledge and skills. The role may include, but is not limited to, the direct referral of patients to other healthcare professionals, prescribing medications and ordering diagnostic investigations. The role is grounded in the nursing profession’s values, knowledge, theories and practice, and provides innovative and flexible health care delivery that complements other health care providers (National Competency Standards for the Nursing Practitioner, ANMC 2006).
General Information –
documents to consider from AHPRA and ANMC

Application for endorsement

Endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner Registration Standard

Guidelines on Endorsement as a Nurse practitioner

National Competency Standards for the Nurse Practitioner

Position Statement: scope of practice of nurse practitioners
NSW Health – documents to consider

Policy Directive: Nurse Practitioners in NSW
PD2012_026

Nurse Practitioners in NSW – guidelines for Implementation of Nurse Practitioner Roles – NSW Health
GL2012_004

Nurse Practitioner Registration Standard


For the NMBA to endorse the registration of a registered health practitioner as being qualified to practise as a nurse practitioner the practitioner must demonstrate:

• General registration as a nurse with no conditions on registration relating to unsatisfactory professional performance or unprofessional conduct

• The requisite amount of experience in advanced practice nursing and,

• A Board approved nurse practitioner qualification at Master’s level or education equivalence as determined by the Board.
Nurse Practitioner Registration Standard

Must be able to demonstrate:

- The equivalent of three (3) years full-time experience in an advanced practice nursing role, within the past six (6) years from the date when the complete application seeking endorsement as a NP is received by the Board.

- Compliance with the Boards National Competency Standards for the Nurse Practitioner

- Compliance with the Board’s registration standard on continuing professional development
Pathway 1

Guide for submitting a portfolio: Pathway 1

Approved Programs of Study – Nurse Practitioner

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Guide for submitting a portfolio: Pathway 2


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Must include evidence of:
- completion of study at Master’s level in pharmacology for prescribing drugs as a nurse practitioner
- completion of postgraduate study in differential diagnosis, ordering and interpretation of diagnostic tests, including radiological test and pathological tests, and
- completion of postgraduate study in advanced health assessment.

Curriculum Vitae

Letters of support manager/supervisor and senior colleagues

Statements of Service

Scope of Practice

CPD

Professional Activities demonstrating leadership
Questions