

Statement

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Board and AHPRA commit to finding solution

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency have committed to finding a solution to help internationally qualified nurses and midwives caught by changes to registration requirements in February 2014.

AHPRA will provide further advice to the National Board about the nurses and midwives who were approved for skilled migration by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) before 10 February.

'I recognise that these nurses and midwives are now in a very difficult situation and have asked AHPRA for advice on solutions that are lawful, sensible and timely,' said National Board Chair Dr Lynette Cusack.

AHPRA has set up a dedicated email address for this group and encouraged nurses and midwives who meet the criteria above to contact us.

'If you are a nurse or midwife in this situation – please email ANMACapprovedIQNM@ahpra.gov.au so we can contact you directly,' said AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher.

'We are committed to working with the National Board to find a way through the transition issues for this particular group of nurses and midwives. It will be a common sense solution that is lawful and appropriately upholds professional standards,' he said.

It will now take a few weeks to establish transitional arrangements for this group. AHPRA and the National Board will make a further announcement in early September.

Information about registration requirements for [internationally qualified nurses and midwives is published on the National Board website](#).

For more information

- Visit www.ahpra.gov.au under *Contact us* to lodge an online enquiry form
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
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