



Being a nurse means something

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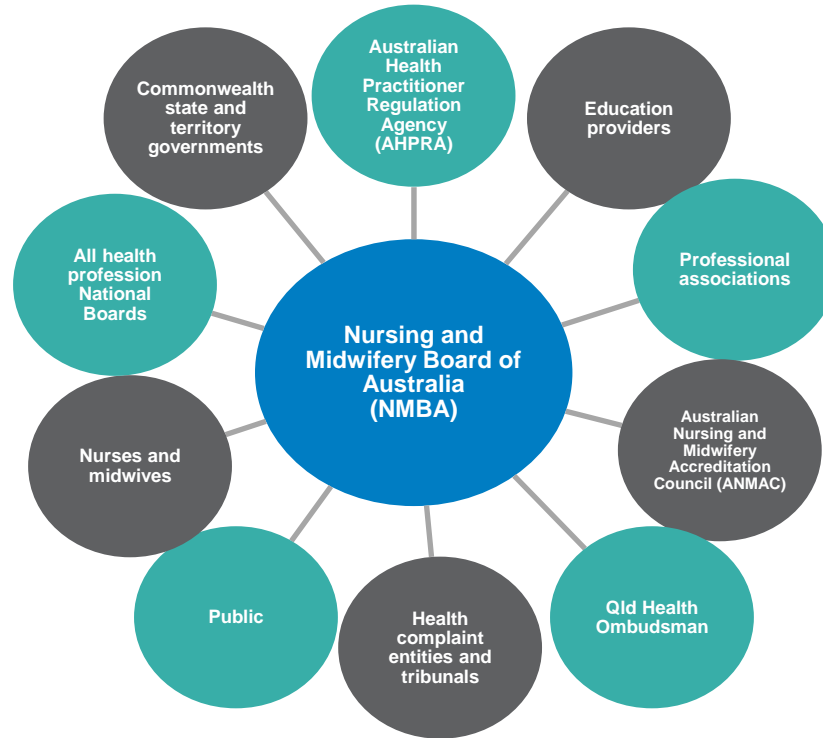
Overview

- The NMBA – who we are and what we do
- Professional requirements
 - Registration standards
 - Standards for practice
 - Codes and Guidelines
- Questions

Who we are

- the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) regulates nurses and midwives
- we work in partnership with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

Partnerships in regulation



What AHPRA does

- supports the **National Boards** in their primary role of **protecting the public**
- publishes **national registers** of practitioners
- manages the **registration** and **renewal processes** for health practitioners and students across Australia.
- manages complaints or concerns received in relation to health practitioners

What the NMBA does

- set evidence-based, contemporary **standards, codes and guidelines** for nurses and midwives to practice safely
- take action on behalf of patients, colleagues, managers who raise a **concern about standards** of care
- assess **overseas trained** nurses and midwives who wish to practise in Australia
- approve **accreditation standards** and **accredited programs of study**

Why we register

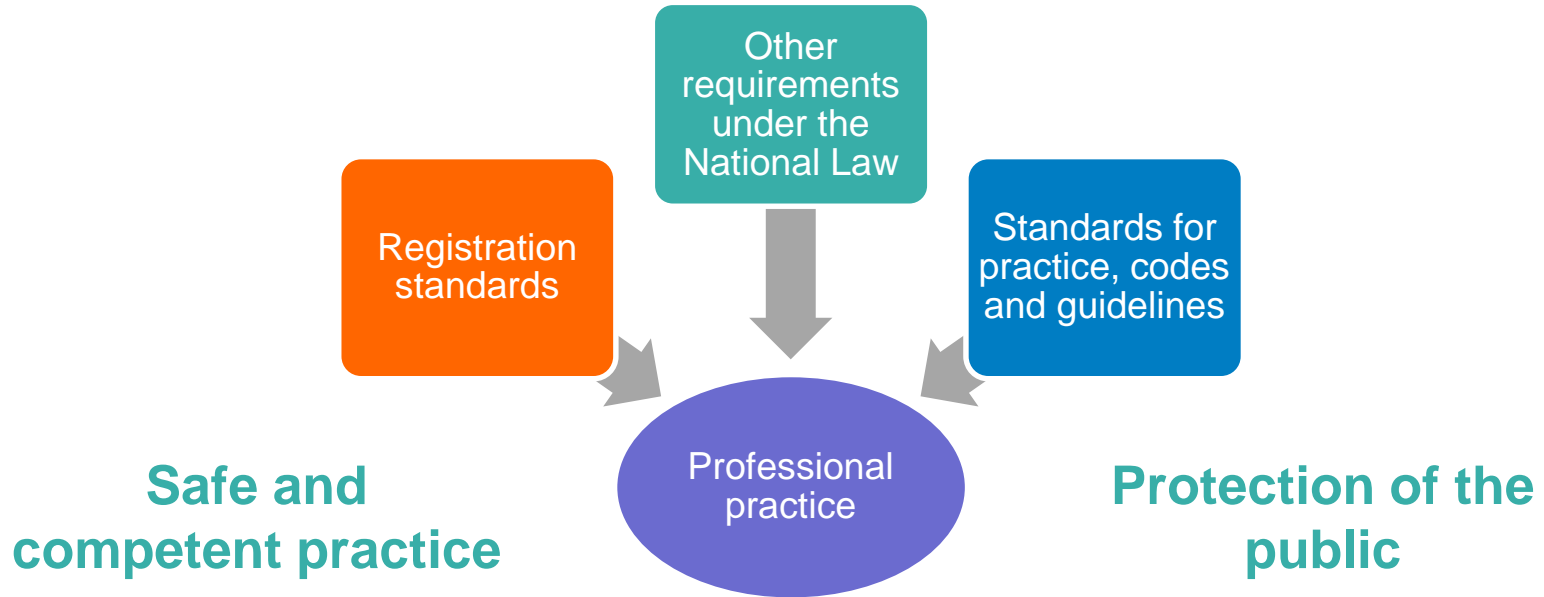
- Registration is more than a piece of paper
- registration lets people know that their nurse or midwife is qualified and competent to practise
- each year you are asked to renew your registration and declare you are meeting your profession's standards

What does that mean

People place their trust in nurses and midwives

The NMBA exists to make sure standards
and practice meet that trust.

Professional requirements



Registration standards

5 mandatory standards:

- Continuing professional development
- Criminal history
- English language skills
- Professional indemnity insurance arrangements
- Recency of practice

Registered nurse standards for practice
Enrolled nurse standards for practice
Nurse Practitioner standards for practice
Midwife standards for practice

Fundamentals of Standards for practice

- broad and inclusive
- high level/overarching
- provide a framework for practice in all contexts
- no reference to single practice settings or roles
- reflect currently available evidence for actual Australian practice

Codes of conduct

Why are the codes important?

The codes

- support nurses and midwives in the **delivery of safe practice** as part of their professional roles
- provide **guidance** for the public about the **standard of conduct and behaviour** they should expect from nurses and midwives
- help the NMBA **protect the public** in setting and maintaining standards to ensure safe practice

Current NMBA projects

- Definition of Advanced practice
- Review of the Decision Making Framework
- OBA for IQNMs
- Review of Recency of Practice Registration Standard
- Registered nurse Prescribing

Questions?



Nurse & Midwife Support

- a confidential service, independent of the NMBA and AHPRA
- offers advice and referral on health issues to nurses, midwives and students
- offers information and support for employers, education providers and concerned others
- phone support available 24/7 nationally

www.nmsupport.org.au 1800 667 877

Where can I find more information?

www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au

- presentations and videos available online
- consultations
- regular NMBA newsletters