

Questions for feedback

1. Do you agree that suitably qualified and experienced registered nurses should be able to hold an endorsement to prescribe scheduled medicines in partnership with a partner prescriber?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comment:

2. After reading the proposed registration standard and guidelines, in your view, are there any additional elements that should be considered by organisations in establishing governance arrangements for prescribing in partnership?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please provide details:

3. Two years' full time equivalent post initial registration experience has been proposed as a requirement for applying for endorsement. Do you think this is sufficient level of experience?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If no, please describe why and include reference to any supporting evidence.

I work regularly with under graduate nurses and New Graduate nurses. I do not believe that even working full time, they have gained enough experience to competently assess a patient then utilise the knowledge from that assessment to prescribe. Moreover, they are not able to adequately assess the effect of the drugs they prescribe. For example, I work in PACU. I see less experienced RNs (<4th year) continue to give the same drug for pain relief which is not effective, rather than consider prescribed adjuvants, drugs to reduce tolerance or switch to/ seek prescription for an alternative drug. I feel that they need more time working in the one area, to gain experience to enhance their knowledge before they should be allowed to prescribe.

4. The NMBA is proposing that the education for registered nurses should be two units of study that addresses the NPS Prescribing Competencies Framework. Do you think this level of additional education would appropriately prepare an RN to prescribe in partnership?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If no, please describe why. I think a more comprehensive knowledge of the specialty in which they will be prescribing is necessary. I believe a post grad cert in the specialty area at the very least is necessary.

5. a) Should a period of supervised practice be required for the endorsement?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comment:

b) If a period of supervised practice was required for the endorsement, would a minimum of three months full time equivalent supervised practice be sufficient?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, please describe why

6. Is the content and structure of the proposed Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines for registered nurses prescribing in partnership (at Attachment 1) clear and relevant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comment: I feel that 10 additional hours of CPD is excessive to maintain accreditation. I believe that an additional 5 hours specific to prescribing is adequate.

7. Is the structure and content of the proposed Guidelines for registered nurses applying for endorsement for scheduled medicines -prescribing in partnership (at Attachment 2) helpful, clear and relevant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comment:

8. Do you have any additional comments on the proposed registration standard or guidelines?