

FAQ: WA nurses and midwives

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WA nurses and midwives now in national scheme

WA joined the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme on 18 October 2010. All nurses and midwives who were registered to practise with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia on 17 October 2010 are now registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Nurses and midwives from WA who did not renew by 30 September

If you were registered with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia and were due to renew by 30 September but you did not renew your registration or obtain reinstatement from the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia, then you have not transitioned to the national scheme. This means you are not currently registered. However, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia is offering you a 'fast track' to re-apply for registration.

How do I register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia?

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has put in place a fast track process, with a fast track form that is different from the standard application form.

If you want to apply for fast track registration call **1300 419 495** and tell our team you were registered in WA until 30 September and you want to apply for fast track registration.

The fast track form:

- does not require proof of identity
- does not require verification of qualifications (if this was recorded as part of your previous registration in WA)
- does not require verification of English language skills, and
- does not require registration history, work history or CPD declarations.

Who can use the fast track form?

All nurses and midwives who were registered up to 30 Sept 2010 can use the fast track form.

What does the fast track registration cost?

Under the fast track, you must pay the standard national registration fee set by the Board and published on the website at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au. The Board has waived the application fee.

How can I check my registration status?

If you are still registered, you can check your registration status on the online Register of Practitioners at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au. Your registration expiry date will be published on the Register.

If you were registered in WA until 30 September and you did not renew your registration by 17 October, you did not transition to the National Scheme and you are not currently registered to practise.

If this applies to you, AHPRA will write to you shortly offering you 'fast track' registration.