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Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia - Registration standard: Recency of practice

Thank you for your email of 13 July 2020 seeking feedback from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) on the revision of the *Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) Registration standard: Recency of practice*.

The Commission notes that the proposed revisions ensure the registration standard aligns more closely with the registration standards of other registered professional groups.

The document makes reference to the responsibility of enrolled nurses, registered nurses and midwives to ensure their practise is safe and competent, relevant to their area or scope of practice. This is a requirement of all clinicians and is also set out in the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards which apply in most health service organisations employing nurses and midwives.

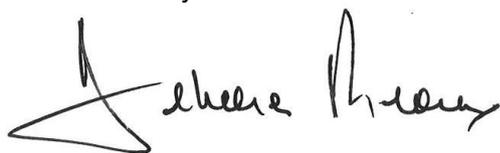
The Commission suggests that there be explicit reference to the NSQHS Standards as the NSQHS Standards, which were endorsed by health ministers in 2011, are the nationally agreed mandatory standards that specify the minimum requirements for safety and quality in health services.

Inclusion of the NSQHS Standards will optimise opportunities for integration between the requirements and expectations of clinicians articulated in NSQHS Standards and the registration standard: Recency of practice.

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