



Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Incorporated (DANA)

# Submission

## Recency of Practice Standard

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The DANA response to the Proposed Revised Registration Standard: Recency of practice and associated guidelines

The Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia, DANA, is the peak body for nurses interested in alcohol and other drug nursing across Australia and New Zealand. DANA represents nurses and nurse practitioners working in alcohol and other drug settings, and nurses working with individuals with problematic alcohol and other drug use.

The members of DANA appreciate the opportunity to make this submission.

**DANA supports option two of the Proposed Revised Registration Standard: Recency of practice and associated guidelines**

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**1: Is the content and structure of the proposed revised *Registration standard: Recency of practice* and *Guidelines: Recency of practice* clear and relevant?**

Yes

**2: Do you support the NMBAs more flexible approach to incremental recency of practice hours and timeframes? Please explain your answer.**

Yes, but keeping in mind that administratively it may be more difficult to manage.

**3: Do the proposed contents support recent graduates in being safe and competent to practice?**

No comment to make

**4. Is the proposed content and regulatory outcome for deferred graduates clear?**

Yes

**5. Is the information in the proposed revised registration standard and guidelines helpful and clear for people who have not practised for 10 years or more?**

Yes

**6: Is the proposed content for nurse practitioners, endorsed midwives and endorsed registered nurses helpful and clear?**

No comment to make

**7. In the guidelines, is the information on clinical and non-clinical practice helpful and clear?**

No comment to make

## **8. Is there anything that needs to be added or changed in the proposed revised registration standard and guidelines?**

DANA would like to raise several issues for further consideration:

- DANA believes that there needs to be a definition on the interpretation of ‘direct clinical contact for Nurse Practitioners’ and also ‘advanced level practice’ . We would like to see these included in the glossary of terms.
- At the present time there is considerable uncertainty around the meaning of ‘direct clinical contact’. It is of concern to Nurse Practitioners who may want to take on work in academia, other senior nursing positions or individuals that completed their qualifications but are not able to secure positions for whatever reason.
- We would also like to add that if Nurse Practitioners who are unable to meet the recency of practice standards may need to undertake a refresher program. But are there any available?