



Health Ministers' Meeting

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Dear Adjunct Professor Casey

Approval of proposed registration standard: *general registration for internationally qualified registered nurses*

Thank you for your letter of 3 July 2024 on behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) recommending approval of the proposed registration standard: *general registration for internationally qualified registered nurses*.

I am pleased to advise that the Ministerial Council has agreed out of session on 26 September 2024 to approve the proposed registration standard, in accordance with section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*, as in force in each state and territory.

In making this approval, we note the NMBA's advice that the registration standard has the potential to increase the number of RNs registering in Australia and will help to streamline the registration processes for this cohort of IQRN and reduce the time from application to registration. We also note the potential associated benefit of easing workforce pressures on health, aged and primary care, rural and remote and metropolitan services across all Australia through the supply of critically needed, safe, competent and effective practitioners. We welcome the advice that the NMBA's commitment to streamlined processes is balanced with your key role to protect the public.

Ministers also agree with your proposal that the revised registration standard takes effect approximately six months after receipt of our approval; with advance publication to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of, and have time to adjust to, the standard.

Thank you for bringing the Board's proposal to Health Ministers.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP
Acting Chair
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