

COMMUNIQUE

HLT54115 DIPLOMA OF NURSING

TRANSITION ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Purpose: This communique is to provide information to stakeholders on the process the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) will implement to support and guide education providers to transition from the HLT51612 qualification to the HLT54115 qualification.

Background: All qualifications in the Health Training Package HLT07 are currently under review by the Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC). Situated within this package is the Diploma of Nursing qualification. It is anticipated the new Diploma of Nursing qualification will be endorsed in mid-December 2015.

Key Issues: It is important to note there is no “teach out” of the current HLT51612 qualification, all students enrolled in the HLT51612 Diploma of Nursing program must complete the program by 30 June 2018 or have transitioned into the HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing program by 30 June 2018.

The transition expiry date for the HLT51612 qualification has been extended to 30 June 2018 to allow Education Providers to undertake the necessary submission processes to apply to ANMAC for accreditation of the replacement HLT54115 qualification.

The extension will allow students to continue to be enrolled in the HLT51612 during 2016 noting that new students must not be enrolled in HLT51612 past 12 months of the HLT54115 endorsement date. Considering the HLT54115 qualification scheduled endorsement date is 15 December 2015, no new enrolments into HLT51612 would be allowed after 8 December 2016. Students enrolled in HLT51612 at that point may remain enrolled in the qualification until 30 June 2018 if they are able to complete the HLT51612 qualification by this date. If for some reason students are not able to complete HLT51612 by 30 June 2018 they will be required to transition into the HLT54115 qualification.

What is ANMAC doing?

ANMAC is in the process of developing a modified application package for the Transition Assessment process. More information on the package and the process for submitting information will be provided to you in the coming weeks.

There is a cost associated with the Transition Assessment process that reflects the volume of work required by ANMAC to ensure and maintain accreditation of Diploma of Nursing programs during this transition period. The cost will be \$2,400 for each Transition Assessment.

Successful transition will not impact on the current expiry date of accreditation. If an education provider chooses to proceed with a full accreditation assessment or the currently accredited HLT51612 expiry date is 2016, the usual fees for full assessment will apply.

Next steps: ANMAC will continue to provide regular communication to education providers on the process of Transition Assessment.