

Communique: Enrolled nurse entry pathways

ANMAC has been advised by providers of accredited Diploma of Nursing programs in Victoria that some of their students will not complete their final professional experience placement until January or February 2021. This will delay completion of their program and registration with NMBA as an enrolled nurse. Some of these students have offers to enter entry to practice registered nurse programs via an enrolled nurse pathway in semester 1 2021.

Standard 2.4 in the Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards requires: *All program entry pathways for which students receive block credit or advanced standing (other than on an individual basis) are identified, approved by ANMAC and allow graduates to meet the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice.* The essential evidence required to meet Registered Nurse Accreditation standard 2.4 includes: *Documented processes verifying all students entering the program through an enrolled nurse pathway hold NMBA registration as an enrolled nurse.*

Following discussion with education providers and ANMAC, the NMBA has agreed to facilitate graduates from **approved** Diploma of Nursing programs in Victoria to enter Enrolled Nurse pathways in entry to practice Registered Nurse programs by permitting a temporary suspension of the EN registration requirement.

The NMBA agreed that the requirement for the EN graduate to be registered with the NMBA be suspended for entry into programs commencing in 2021 for graduates from NMBA approved EN programs delivered in Victoria who are wanting to enrol in an NMBA approved RN program who meet the following requirements:

The EN graduate must provide evidence to the RN education provider:

- a. of successful course completion
- b. that they have made an application to the NMBA for registration
- c. successful registration with the NMBA by the relevant University census date.

At this time, this provision is for semester 1 2021 and only applies to graduates from ANMAC accredited/NMBA approved Diploma of Nursing programs in Victoria.

Please contact ANMAC at accreditation@anmac.org.au if you have any queries.

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