

## Update for Assessors Regarding Site Visits during Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) is the standards, Accreditation and assessment authority for the nursing and midwifery profession. Our purpose is to ensure the protection and promotion of health of the Australian Community by ensuring the standards for nursing and midwifery education meet the standards for practice as required by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced that COVID-19 is a pandemic. To help slow down the spread the [Australian Government](#) has advised that effective from Monday, 16 March 2020, organised non-essential meetings should be limited to 500 people. Non-essential meetings or conferences of critical workforces, such as health care professionals and emergency services, should be limited. This advice does not include workplaces, schools, universities, shops, supermarkets, public transport and airports.

Our priority is ensuring the health and safety of all participants in ANMAC's accreditation processes. We are closely monitoring the situation and our response is guided by publicly available information from the Australian Government Department of Health and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

At this time, ANMAC has cancelled all accreditation and monitoring physical site visits. Where appropriate the physical site visits may be replaced with a virtual site visit (Zoom meetings). Assessors will be notified by ANMAC how the accreditation assessment they are involved in will be proceeding.

We are liaising with education and training providers to monitor any potential impact COVID-19 may have on the delivery of teaching and clinical placements for Nursing and Midwifery programs.

ANMAC is closely monitoring the situation as it develops. We are committed to keeping everyone informed of our response as the situation around COVID-19 evolves. The health and safety of our assessors and staff is, and will continue to be, our priority.

We will email assessors with any updates as more information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Accreditation Services on 02 6274 9166