

Transition arrangements for Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Standards 2017

The *Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Standards 2017* came into effect from 20 June 2017. Accreditation standards are concerned with the quality of education in nursing and midwifery programs in the interests of public safety. For this reason, several important qualitative changes were made to the Enrolled Nurse accreditation standards. One significant change was to program entry criteria. All education providers of Enrolled Nurse programs are required to demonstrate that students who would be required by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) to provide a formal English language skills test when applying for registration, must provide a formal English language test result demonstrating they have achieved the NMBA specified level of English language skills, prior to commencing the program.

Following the launch of the *Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Standards 2017*, the ANMAC Board met on 29 August 2017 to discuss transition arrangements for Enrolled Nurse programs accredited against the *ANMC Enrolled Nurses: Standards and Criteria for the Accreditation of Nursing and Midwifery Courses Leading to Registration, Enrolment, Endorsement and Authorisation in Australia—with Evidence Guide February 2009*.

The ANMAC Board determined that all Enrolled Nurse programs must meet the English language requirements in standard criteria 6.1 (a) (as per below) on or before 1 July 2018. This ensures ANMAC continues to meet the obligation to protect the health and safety of the Australian community through the accreditation of Enrolled Nurse programs.

Standard 6: Students

The program provider's approach to attracting, enrolling, supporting and assessing students is underpinned by values of transparency, authenticity, equal opportunity and an appreciation of social and cultural diversity.

The program provider demonstrates:

6.1 Applicants are informed of the following before accepting an offer of enrolment:

- (a) students that would be required by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) to provide a formal English language skills test when applying for registration, must provide a formal English language test result demonstrating they have achieved the NMBA specified level of English language skills, prior to commencing the program.

To confirm your Enrolled Nurse program meets the English language requirements specified in criteria 6.1(a) please write to ANMAC and provide a copy of the enrolment form demonstrating the English language requirements that are in place for your program from 1 July 2018. Please provide your correspondence and evidence to accreditation@anmac.org.au

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Dr Margaret Gatling, Director of Accreditation Services at margaret.gatling@anmac.org.au

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