

# Office of the Chief Nurse Communiqué

September 2010

*This is a busy time as we work through the implications and issues associated with the national accreditation and registration scheme. It is clear that the sheer volume of nursing and midwifery registrants present many challenges- for individuals and employers as well as having an impact on some of our funded programs.*

*Much of the NMBA advice, documents and process are evolving rapidly and as such it is important to keep checking the AHPRA and NMBA sites as that is the key vehicle used for announcing and releasing information.*

*In addition to the "transactional" or business matters that are being implemented, NMBA will also be consulting over the coming months on several key policies or standards, many of which will be matters that employers will have an interest in.*

*We will try to keep you up to date with significant changes or releases through this Communiqué or via direct email. Please also contact Nurse Policy officers if you need any specific advice, clarification (if we can!) or direction.*

*Katy Fielding  
A/Chief Nursing Advisor*

*Please circulate me to wards/areas where nurses and midwives work in your organisation!*

## Update: International Nurse/Midwife Graduates (INMG's) applications

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) has announced further details of how it will process applications for registration from INMG's, effective 14 September. There is a transition period, 1 July – 13 September, and NMBA will honour the assessment framework of the former Nurses Board of Victoria for applications received and not processed during that time.

## Forum: Value added: the wisdom of older nurses at work

This forum is being hosted by Nurse Policy and is designed for Directors of Nursing and other senior nurses, Human Resource Managers and Occupational Health and Safety managers who have an interest in workforce planning.

The forum will provide an opportunity to hear about approaches to supported and retaining older nurses and midwives in the workforce including the results of research undertaken by us with Victorian nurses and midwives.

Date **Tuesday 19 October**. Venue State Library Conference Centre, La Trobe St Melbourne  
RSVP by **10 October** to:

**NP Contact:** [alana.smythe@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:alana.smythe@health.vic.gov.au)

## Newborn Education Resource Guide

The Newborn Education Resource Guide is an initiative of the MNCN – Keeping Mothers and Babies Together, Nursing and Midwifery Working Group and was developed by the Maternity and Newborn Program, DH. The guide provides information on neonatal focused education programs and courses including training provider, content, eligibility, costs and the point of contact for each course or program.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/neonatal/newborn-education-resource-guide.pdf>

## Enrolled nurse (Div2) Grants

Grants -open! Public health services are invited to apply for the final round of Enrolled nurse (Div 2) Grants. Applications close at **5pm 28 October 2010**. The Grant guidelines and application form available at:

[www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/division\\_2\\_strategy/division-2-grant-program](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/division_2_strategy/division-2-grant-program)

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