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International nursing and midwifery graduates

Victoria welcomes nurses and midwives who have obtained their qualifications outside Australia.

With more than 110 metropolitan and rural public health services and 190 residential aged care facilities in Victoria, there are lots of opportunities to live and work here.

In Victoria, we want to make sure we continue to offer the best public health care in the world. That's why it's important we maintain our high standards, and that means making sure all our nurses have the right qualifications and experience to work here.

Overseas-qualified nurses and midwives who would like to work as a nurse or midwife in Victoria will need to be eligible to work in Australia and have current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

To live and work in Victoria as a registered nurse or midwife, you will need to:

- be eligible to work in Australia (this might mean obtaining a suitable visa issued by Department of Immigration and Citizenship)
- have your skills assessed for the skilled migration category by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (as part of the visa process)
- be registered with the NMBA as a nurse or midwife.

Once you qualify you will need to find your own employment by applying to health care organisations directly.



Want to know more?

The following sites have the answers

For information about visa requirements, go to the Commonwealth Government's Department of Immigration and Citizenship website:
www.immi.gov.au

For information about registering in Australia (including English language requirements and application forms) visit the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website:
www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au

For specific information about overseas-trained nurses and midwives, visit the Department of Health's website:
www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/career/overseas

To find nursing or midwifery jobs in the Victorian public health system visit:
www.health.vic.gov.au/jobs/nurse

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council undertakes skills assessments of internationally qualified nurses and midwives seeking permanent migration in Australia. Visit their website:
www.anmc.org.au