

Office of the Chief Nurse – Communiqué

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Nurse Policy: Building capacity and capability in the Victorian nursing workforce.

Firstly, an especially warm welcome to all our newly graduated nurses and midwives who are beginning their professional careers in Victoria over the next month or so. More than 1600 in our public sector alone makes this the largest cohort ever in Victoria and they commence their careers in an auspicious year – 2010 as it marks the move to national registration and it also is the International Year of the Nurse.

As we move into this period of transition to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and the arrangements for post 01/07/10, we may need to assist staff to be informed and to understand the landscape.

I would therefore like to draw DONs attention to the recent NBV E Bulletin for DON regarding upcoming ANMC workshops and NBVs authority with respect to Victorian nurses and their professional practice leading up to July.

The NBV contact for this DON Bulletin is Paul Stanmore (Ph: 8635 1234/ pstanmore@nbv.org.au)



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NP 2010 scholarships

All applicants in the 2010 NP scholarships round have now been advised of the outcome of this round. Successful applicants have been made an offer and all acceptances and associated documentation must be received in Nurse Policy by the **15 February 2010**.

NP Contact: Katy.fielding@health.vic.gov.au
www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/practitioner/nurse-practitioner-scholarships

Key February Dates for Funded Programs

Health services should note these February dates:

- Div 2 Paid Study Leave - **5th February 2010**

www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/div2paid

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Department of Health

- Return to Nursing Grant - **12th February 2010**

www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/returning

- Pre registration scholarships for International Nurses - **19th February 2010**

www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/career/overseas

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Division 2 nurses minimum qualifications

The Nurses Board of Victoria is currently developing accreditation standards for diploma qualifications for Division 2 registration.

In Victoria, a Certificate IV in Nursing continues to be the minimum qualification for registration and any decision to change the minimum qualification (after 01/07/10) will be made by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

All currently accredited programs will transition to the new national scheme.

www.nbv.org.au for information on NBV standards

www.ahpra.gov.au for NMBA information

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Division 2 Grant Program

Health services participating in the **second** round of Division 2 Grants are reminded that the second progress/report back meeting is scheduled for **8 February 2010**. For further details of the meeting please contact:

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Community Service & Health Industry Training Board - Building Connections Project

The CS&H ITB is currently working with industry to empower organisations to assist them to negotiate within the training system to meet their organisational needs.

Contact Lisa Thomas at CS&HITB on 9347 0377