

# Office of the Chief Nurse Communiqué

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

## Message from Chief Nurse

**End of Financial Year is a busy time for everyone but here are a few items that may have relevance or importance for your organisation.**

### Forgot to renew your registration?

There is a one month grace period until the **30 June** to renew your registration - and you can continue to work in this time. Find out more **and** renew on-line at:

[www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process.aspx)

### DoHA NP practice in Aged Care Funds

DoHA is now open for applications to develop, test and evaluate models for NPs in aged care.

The program aims to establish a range of self sustaining practice models that improve access to the primary care of older people as well as supporting the growth of the NP workforce.

Tender applications close **2:00 pm 14 June 2011**.

[www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grant3411011](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grant3411011)

### Have you tried off-shore recruitment?

The Victorian Department of Business and Innovation wants to examine the experiences of Victorian health employers in recruiting and retaining nurses and allied health professionals from overseas. If you would like to participate please refer to the flier accompanying this communiqué, or contact:

[sarah@hopenmind.com.au](mailto:sarah@hopenmind.com.au) or **Ph: 03 9662 9200**

### Nursing in Victoria Facebook & Twitter

For updates on 'what's new' in nursing in Victoria don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, you can access from our website.

[www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing).

### Education & Training

#### Epilepsy workshop for RNs

The Epilepsy Foundation is offering a workshop on **22 July 2010**. For bookings or enquiries:

Ph:(03) 9805 9111 or [epilepsy@epilepsy.asn.au](mailto:epilepsy@epilepsy.asn.au)  
[www.epinet.org.au](http://www.epinet.org.au)

#### New Scheme to support rural nurses & midwives undertaking CPD Activities

DoHa have funded the Nursing & Allied Health Rural Locum Scheme (NAHRLS). This program commenced in April 2011 with the aim of removing some of the barriers rural health professionals face in accessing CPD activities. NAHRLS will support and recruit suitable locums to enable rural professionals to undertake CPD activities.

Your organisation may wish to consider how this program fits within your existing HR and employment arrangements.

[www.nahrls.com.au](http://www.nahrls.com.au)

#### Emergency scholarships for nurses

The DoHA is now offering scholarships for nurses working in (or planning to work) in emergency departments. Applications close **1 July 2011**

Contact: [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au)