

# Office of the Chief Nurse Communiqué

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

*Some of you may have noticed that our name is changing to Nursing and Midwifery Policy, as we start to take on some of the specific activities related to the midwifery workforce and recruitment and retention.*

*This change is to provide a clearer accountability for midwifery workforce matters and also to assist the Department's Maternity and Newborn Services area to focus on the matters that are more directed associated with service delivery. Clearly there is alignment and at times even overlap of service and workforce issues, so the transition is being managed gradually, by agreement and often in this early phase on an issue by issue basis.*

*In the meantime – if you are unsure where an issues sits just ring either team and we will sort out which team has the lead role for it.*

## New weapons legislation: Implications for Victorian health services – Factsheet

As previously advised, changes to the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Control of Weapons Act 1990* came into effect on 1 November 2010. A new factsheet outlining these changes and the implications for health service employers and employees is now available on our website.

NMP contact: [toni.tosti@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:toni.tosti@health.vic.gov.au)  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/promoting/noviolence/strategy-3>

## Continuing Nursing and Midwifery Education (CNME) Grant

The new guidelines and submission process for the 2011 -2012 CNME Grant will be available on our website by **8 July 2011**. Submissions for each health service and DH rural regional consortia are required by **29 July 2011**.

NMP Contact: [merrim.bamert@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:merrim.bamert@health.vic.gov.au)  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/continuing>

## Early Graduate Nurse/Midwife Program computer match

The Graduate Nurse & Midwifery Program (GNMP) Computer Match is now open for registration. There are new eligibility criteria, business rules and candidate's guide for this Match.

Candidates can register for access to the Computer Matching Service website from **1st June 2011**. Candidate Priority Lists must be entered online by **28th July 2011**.

Health services can also register for access to the website from **1st June 2011**. Each hospital must submit a Hospital's Nomination Form (HNF) via the Computer Matching Service website by **30th September 2011**.

<http://computermatching.pmcv.com.au/index.cfm>

## Renewal of registration

The grace period for renewal of registration expired on 30th June 2011. This means that any nurse or and midwife who has not renewed their registration cannot legally practice until they have reapplied and have been granted registration.

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au>

## Change of Name: Nursing and Midwifery Health Program Victoria

Formerly the Victorian Nurses Health Program, this organisation was officially renamed NMHPV in recognition of midwifery as a separate professional and registration category.

<http://www.vnhp.org.au/>