

Novel coronavirus update (COVID-19): Education Providers

ANMAC is issuing this communique as the evolving situation surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues. Our first priority is ensuring the health and safety of all participants in ANMAC's accreditation processes. We are closely monitoring the situation and our response is guided by publicly available information from the [Australian Government Department of Health](#) and the [World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#).

At this time, all site visits for 2020 will continue as scheduled and we will notify education providers and assessors should this situation change. A separate communique will be sent to all of our assessors.

We appreciate this is a challenging time for education and training providers. As the situation continues, we are asking all providers to keep ANMAC updated of any impact the COVID-19 may have on the delivery of nursing and midwifery programs. ANMAC is aware that education providers are already facing challenges in adhering to schedule and timetable of delivery of ANMAC accredited nursing and midwifery programs. ANMAC understands that the timeframes for students completing both theory and professional experience placements may be affected by restrictions imposed to slow down the spread of the virus and we are committed to working with education providers to minimise this impact.

Please ensure that all requirements of the ANMAC accreditation standards relevant to the program are completed satisfactorily in order for students to be eligible to apply for registration as a nurse or midwife with NMBA. This includes all theoretical teaching and learning, and the minimum hours of quality professional experience placement as determined within the standards for each accredited nursing and midwifery program. If issues arise regarding clinical placements, please contact Accreditation Services.

To support students who are required to study away from campus please contact us regarding an increase in the online content for delivery of nursing and midwifery programs.

Education providers who are concerned about the timing of planned accreditation during this period should contact Accreditation Services.

Please keep ANMAC informed of any material changes that are being applied to your program. If you have any questions, please contact Accreditation Services on (02) 6274 9166 or accreditation@anmac.org.au.

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