



HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY	
TITLE: Notification of Conditions/Undertakings	
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BOARD: Nursing and Midwifery Board of the Northern Territory	

Purpose

To inform staff of the Health Professions Licensing Authority, members of the Professional Boards and registrants of the Boards' policy in relation to notifying other jurisdictions of Undertakings with the Board and/or Conditions placed on registration or enrolment under the Health Practitioners Act ("the Act").

Background

The Board has the authority to impose conditions on a health practitioner's registration or enrolment or practising certificate and to require a practitioner to enter into undertakings with the Board in matters of Conduct (part 4 of the Act); Impairment (part 5 of the Act) and Performance Assessment (part 6 of the Act). The Board also has the authority to review the registration or enrolment of a health practitioner at any time and vary any conditions or impose conditions (section 30 (3) of the Act).

This policy is intended to clarify the current practise in relation to notifying other health practitioner registration authorities of undertakings and conditions placed on a health practitioner's enrolment or registration or practising certificate.

Who will be notified of Conditions/Undertakings and when?

The Board has authority to give notice of any action taken by it to any health practitioner registration authority, body, or person that the Board considers it appropriate to notify (sections 61 (7) (e) (Complaints), 81 (Impairment), 95 (c) (Performance Assessment) and 11 (2) (a) (generally)).

All registration authorities within Australia and New Zealand will be notified when any health practitioner is required to enter into undertakings with the Board, or have Conditions imposed on their registration or enrolment or practising certificate, regardless of whether the decision was made through the conduct, impairment or performance assessment processes.

Each matter will be considered on a case by case basis to determine whether registration authorities other counties need be notified. In these circumstances, the Complaints Manager will seek instructions from the Board.

Rationale

The Board's mandate is to protect the public. Given that some health practitioners will chose to relocate to another jurisdiction, the Board needs to ensure that other health practitioner registration authorities are kept informed of any restrictions placed on a person's right to practise.

Procedure

The Complaints Manager will draft a facsimile notifying the national registration authorities of the conditions and/or undertakings, and the registrations staff will ensure this facsimile is sent to all registration authorities throughout Australia and New Zealand.