



HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY	
TITLE: Position Statement registration of nurses and midwives practising Telenursing or Telemidwifery	
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Preamble

TeleNursing and TeleMidwifery are specialised expressions of nursing and midwifery which focus on meeting caller health needs through assessment, triage and provision of information, using telecommunication systems, including web-based technology. TeleNurses and TeleMidwives, in most cases, face the additional challenge of not being able to see the caller and must rely on highly developed listening and communication expertise to effectively assess the needs of the callers.

Registration Requirements

The practise of nursing and the practise of midwifery in the Northern Territory are regulated by the *Health Practitioners Act 2004*. To legal practise as a nurse or a midwife in the Northern Territory, the nurse or midwife must hold a current practising certificate that has been issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of the Northern Territory.

All nurses and midwives working in TeleNursing and TeleMidwifery who provide care to clients located in the Northern Territory, even though they may be located in another state, must be registered to practise in the Northern Territory.

The Board has no discretionary power to exempt those nurses and midwives practising TeleNursing and TeleMidwifery from the requirements to be registered.

Waiver of Fees

In the interest of reducing the financial burden on those nurses and midwives who practice TeleNursing or TeleMidwifery and who do not live in the Northern Territory, the Board will waive the usual registration fee and the subsequent annual renewal fee.

The waiver of fees is on the understanding that the nurse/midwife is not living in the Northern Territory.

Should the practise context alter, the nurse/midwife, is required to contact the Board to discuss their changed circumstances and to ascertain what registration or renewal fees are due.