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Introduction

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) is Australia's largest national union and professional nursing and midwifery organisation. In collaboration with the ANMF's eight state and territory branches, we represent the professional, industrial and political interests of more than 322,000 nurses, midwives and carers across the country.

Our members work in the public and private health, aged care and disability sectors across a wide variety of urban, rural and remote locations. We work with them to improve their ability to deliver safe and best practice care in each and every one of these settings, fulfil their professional goals and achieve a healthy work/life balance.

Our strong and growing membership and integrated role as both a professional and industrial organisation provide us with a complete understanding of all aspects of the nursing and midwifery professions and see us uniquely placed to defend and advance our professions.

Through our work with members we aim to strengthen the contribution of nursing and midwifery to improving Australia's health and aged care systems, and the health of our national and global communities.

The ANMF welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) public consultation for the review of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). Our feedback is focused on the classifications listed under the Medical, nursing and other health care services industry specifically related to the nursing and midwifery professions.

Under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009¹ (the National Law), nursing and midwifery are recognised as two separate professions. There are also two divisions of nursing: registered nurses and enrolled nurses. Registered nurses can also do further study to become a nurse practitioner. Each of these titles is protected under the National Law with each category having different education, knowledge, skills and standards for practice and different

¹ Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 <u>https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2009-045</u>



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responsibilities and activities. The protected titles are: registered nurse, nurse practitioner, enrolled nurse and midwife.

In the interests of person-centred care, the ANMF supports the use of the term 'person' or 'people' rather than 'patient' or 'consumer' throughout the ANZSCO. These terms can be used to refer to both a person receiving healthcare services and a person who has used or may use a healthcare service. The term patient infers a passive, 'sick' role and 'consumer' one who is purchasing a service. In all contexts of practice, a person-centred approach and language is essential. Person-centred language puts people first and respects the dignity, worth, qualities and strengths of every individual². This term should be used for all of the ANZSCO.

The following table details the current classifications for nurses and midwives and the proposed amendments and additions that reflect how nursing and midwifery has evolved and changed. A number of new descriptors for midwives and enrolled nurses have been detailed. Emerging areas have also been included under registered nurse not elsewhere classified (nec). The skill level for the registered nurse, nurse practitioner, enrolled nurse and midwife remain unchanged.

² Hyams, K, Prater, N., Rohovit, J., Meyer-Kalos, P.S. (2018). Person-centered language. Clinical Tip No.8 (April, 2018): Center for Practice Transformation, University of Minnesota. Available at: <u>https://practicetransformation.umn.edu/practice-tools/person-centered-language/</u>

CLASSIFICATION	CURRENT DESCRIPTOR	NEW DESCRIPTOR	SKILL LEVEL	COMMENTS
134212 Nursing Director	Alternative Titles: • Director of Nursing • Senior Nurse Manager Plans, organises, directs, controls and coordinates nursing programs and clinical services in a hospital, aged care or other health service facility, maintains standards of nursing care, provides leadership to ensure an appropriately skilled nursing and midwifery workforce, and contributes to health service planning. Registration or licensing may be required Specialisations: • Assistant Director of Nursing • Deputy Director of Nursing • Executive Director of Nursing	 Alternative Titles: Director of Nursing Executive Director of Nursing Plans, organises, directs, controls and coordinates nursing programs and clinical services in a hospital, aged care or other health service facility, maintains standards of nursing care, provides leadership to ensure an appropriately skilled nursing workforce, and contributes to health service planning. Registration or licensing is required Specialisations: Assistant Director of Nursing Deputy Director of Nursing 	1	Remove Senior Nurse Manager as an alternative title as there is a classification for Nurse Manager. Executive Director of Nursing is an alternative title rather than a Specialisation. Midwifery is a separate profession.
XXXXXX <u>Midwifery</u> <u>Director</u>	New classification	 Alternative Titles Director of Midwifery Executive Director of Midwifery Assistant Director of Midwifery Deputy Director of Midwifery 	1	Senior midwifery classifications should mirror those in senior nursing classifications. Descriptor is mirroring the Nursing Director classification.

		Plans, organises, directs, controls and coordinates midwifery programs and services in a hospital or other midwifery service facility, maintains standards of midwifery care, provides leadership to ensure an appropriately skilled midwifery workforce, and contributes to midwifery service planning. Registration or licensing is required.		
254111 Midwife	 Alternative Titles: Certified Midwife Registered Midwife Provides care and advice to women during pregnancy, labour and childbirth, and postnatal care for women and babies in a range of settings such as the home, community, hospitals, clinics and health units. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisations: Community Midwife Midwife Practitioner 	Alternative Titles: Community Midwife Midwife Practitioner Certified Midwife Registered Midwife Single registered midwife Direct entry midwife Endorsed midwife Participating midwife Clinical Midwife Provides care and advice to women during pregnancy, labour and childbirth, and postnatal care for women and babies in a range of settings such as the home, community, hospitals, clinics and health units. Registration or licensing is required.	1	The protected title under the National Law is Midwife, not Registered Midwife. However, many midwives refer to themselves as a registered midwife and the term may be used in other countries. A number of alternative titles have been added. An endorsed midwife meets an additional registration standard that enables them to prescribe scheduled medicines. Participating midwife is a term used in the MBS legislation for a midwife who has been issued a provider number to access the MBS and the PBS. A Domiciliary Midwife provides outreach in-home care from a maternity service.
254211 Nurse Educator	Alternative Titles: • Clinical Nurse Educator	Alternative Titles: Clinical Nurse Educator Staff Development Nurse	1	A number of alternative titles have been added.

	• Staff Development Nurse Designs, plans, implements and evaluates the delivery of nursing education and staff development programs, and manages educational resources.	 Clinical Nurse Teacher Clinical Facilitator Nurse Facilitator Clinical Coach Designs, plans, implements and evaluates the delivery of nursing education and staff development programs, and manages educational resources. Registration or licensing is required. 		A nurse educator must be a registered nurse in the first instance.
XXXXXX Midwife Educator	New classification	Alternative Titles: Clinical Midwife Educator Clinical Midwife Teacher Midwife Facilitator Clinical Midwife Facilitator Staff Development Midwife Designs, plans, implements and evaluates the delivery of midwifery education and staff development programs, and manages educational resources. Registration or licensing is required.	1	Senior midwifery classifications should mirror those in senior nursing classifications. Descriptor is mirroring the Nurse Educator classification.
254212 Nurse Researcher	Designs, conducts and evaluates nursing and interdisciplinary research projects, and promotes the implementation of research findings into clinical nursing practice.	Alternative Titles: • Nurse academic Designs, conducts and evaluates nursing and interdisciplinary research projects, and promotes the implementation of research findings into clinical nursing practice. Registration or licensing is required.	1	Added an alternative title. You must be a nurse to be a nurse researcher so registration is required.

XXXXXX Midwife Researcher	New classification	Alternative title: Midwife academic Designs, conducts and evaluates midwifery research projects, and promotes the implementation of research findings into midwifery practice. Registration or licensing is required.	1	Senior midwifery classifications should mirror those in senior nursing classifications. Descriptor is mirroring the Nurse Researcher classification.
254311 Nurse Manager	Alternative Titles: • Charge Nurse • Nurse Supervisor • Nurse Unit Manager Manages a health service unit or sub-unit of a hospital, aged care or community health care facility, supervises nursing staff and financial resources to enable the provision of safe, cost effective nursing care within a specified field or for a particular unit, and monitors quality, clinical standards and professional development of nurses. Registration or licensing is required.	 Alternative Titles: Charge Nurse Nurse Supervisor Nurse Unit Manager Associate Nurse Unit Manager Associate Charge Nurse Manages a health service unit or sub-unit of a hospital, aged care or community health care facility, supervises nursing staff and financial resources to enable the provision of safe, cost effective nursing care within a specified field or for a particular unit, and monitors quality, clinical standards and professional development of nurses. Registration or licensing is required.	1	A number of alternative titles have been added. The descriptor is unchanged
XXXXXX Midwife Manager	New classification	 Alternative titles: Midwife Supervisor Midwife Unit Manager Associate Midwife Unit Manager 	1	Senior midwifery classifications should mirror those in senior nursing classifications.

		Manages a health service unit or sub-unit of a hospital or midwifery group practice, supervises midwives and financial resources to enable the provision of safe, cost effective midwifery care and monitors quality, standards and professional development of midwives. Registration or licensing is required.		Descriptor is mirroring the Nurse Manager classification.
254411 Nurse Practitioner	Provides advanced and extended nursing care to patients , such as ordering diagnostic tests, undertaking diagnosis and health assessments, prescribing-patient care management, medicines and therapies, as authorised in relevant nursing legislation, and referring to specialist Medical Practitioners and other Health Professionals in a range of health, welfare and community settings. Registration or licensing is required.	Provides advanced and extended nursing care to people, such as ordering diagnostic tests, undertaking diagnosis and health assessments, prescribing care management, medicines and therapies, as authorised in relevant nursing legislation, and referring to specialist Medical Practitioners and other Health Professionals in a range of health, aged care, welfare and community settings. Registration or licensing is required.	1	No changes made except replaced "patient" with "people".

254412 Registered Nurse - Aged Care	Provides nursing care to the elderly in community settings, residential aged care facilities, retirement villages and health care facilities. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisation: • Registered Nurse (Gerontology)	 Provides nursing care to older people in community settings, residential aged care facilities, retirement villages and health care facilities. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisation: Registered Nurse (Gerontology) Registered Nurse (In-Home Care) Registered Nurse (Transition Care) Registered Nurse (Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) 	1	Specialisations have been added to reflect contemporary roles and to separately identify aged care In-home care.
254412 Registered Nurse (Child and Family Health)	Provides nursing care to children from birth to school age and their families with an emphasis on the prevention, early detection of, and early intervention in, physical, emotional and social problems affecting children and their families such as assistance with parentcraft, immunisation and developmental milestones. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisation: Plunket Nurse (NZ)		1	Relocated under RN Primary Health Care.

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254414 Registered	Provides nursing care, health	Provides nursing care, health	1	Renamed Registered Nurse Primary
Nurse Primary Health	counselling, screening and	counselling, screening and education		Health Care.
Care Community Health	education to individuals, families	to individuals, families and groups in		
Care	and groups in the wider	the wider community with a focus on		Additional specialisations have been
	community with a focus on patient	independence, prevention and		added to reflect contemporary roles.
	independence and health	health promotion.		
	promotion. Registration or licensing is required.	Registration or licensing is required.		Descriptor amended to remove "patient" and include prevention.
		Specialisations:		
	Specialisations:			
	Registered Nurse (Health	 Registered Nurse (Child and Family Health) 		
	Education and Promotion)	Maternal Child and Family		
	Registered Nurse (Public	Health Nurse		
	Health)	Registered Nurse General		
	Registered Nurse (School	Practice		
	Nurse)	Practice Nurse		
		Community Nurse		
		Aboriginal Health Nurse		
		Immunisation Nurse		
		Nurse advice line		
		 Womens' Health; Mens' 		
		Health		
		Sexual and Reproductive		
		Health		
		Correctional Services		
		 Defence 		
		Registered Nurse (Health Education and Promotion)		
		Education and Promotion)		
		 Registered Nurse (Public Health) 		
		Registered Nurse (School		
		Nurse		
		 Plunket Nurse (NZ) 		

254415 Registered	Provides nursing care to critically	Provides nursing care to critically ill	1	Renamed Registered Nurse Critical Care.
Nurse Critical Care and	ill patients and patients with	people and those with unstable		
emergency	unstable health following injury,	health following injury, surgery or		Specialisations have been added or
	surgery or during the acute phase	during the acute phase of diseases,		consolidated under this classification.
	of diseases, integrating new	integrating new technological		
	technological equipment into care	equipment into care in settings such		A new classification of Registered Nurse
	in settings such as high	as high dependency units, intensive		Acute Care has been added. See below
	dependency units, intensive care	care units, emergency departments		
	units, emergency departments or	or retrieval services.		
	retrieval services.	Registration or licensing is required.		
	Registration or licensing is required.	Specialisations:		
	Specialisations:	 Registered Nurse Intensive Care 		
	 Registered Nurse (Acute Care) Registered Nurse (Emergency/Trauma) Registered Nurse (High Dependency) Registered Nurse (Neonatal Intensive Care) Registered Nurse (Paediatric Intensive Care) 	 Registered Nurse Coronary Care Registered Nurse High Dependency Registered Nurse Neonatal Intensive Care Registered Nurse Paediatric Intensive Care Registered Nurse Special Care Nurse Registered Nurse Emergency Registered Nurse Trauma Registered Nurse Perioperative Registered Nurse Peri anaesthetic Registered Nurse Recovery Registered Nurse Retrieval 		

XXXXXX Registered Nurse –Acute Care	New classification.	Alternative title: • Clinical Nurse Provides nursing care to people across the life span with acute or subacute medical or surgical conditions which require acute intervention. Registration or licensing is required.	1	A new classification of Registered Nurse Acute Care has been added. The alternative title of Clinical Nurse, although a level rather than an area of practice, is included because many registered nurses will use this term to describe their role in acute care.
		Specialisations: Registered Nurse Medical Registered Nurse Surgical Registered Nurse Medical/Surgical Registered Nurse Paediatrics Registered Nurse Radiology Registered Nurse Infection Control and Prevention Registered Nurse Rehabilitation Registered Nurse Hospital in the Home		 The list of specialisations is not exhaustive but addresses the major categories of nursing practice in acute care. Some of the specialisations listed under the current nec are included in this list of specialisations. A broad classification of Registered Nurse Acute Care may enable more mobility for nurses working in acute care under a visa arrangement.
254416 Registered Nurse – Developmental Disability	Alternative Title: • Mental Retardation Nurse Provides nursing care to people with intellectual and development disabilities in a range of health, welfare and community settings. Registration or licensing is required.	 Alternative Title: Registered Nurse Developmental Disability Registered Nurse Intellectual Disability Provides nursing care to people with intellectual and development disabilities in a range of health, welfare and community settings. Registration or licensing is required. 	1	Rename Registered Nurse Disability Alternative titles have been contemporised. Descriptor unchanged

254417 Registered Nurse (Disability and Rehabilitation)	Provides nursing care to patients recovering from injury and illness, and assists and facilitates patients with disabilities to live more independently. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisation: Registered Nurse (Rehabilitation)		1	Registered Nurse Rehabilitation relocated under broad grouping, Registered Nurse Acute Care; Registered Nurse Disability is retained as a separate occupation title. (see above)
254418 Registered Nurse (Medical)	Provides nursing care to patients with conditions, such as infections, metabolic disorders and degenerative conditions, which require medical intervention in a range of health, aged care and community settings. Registration or licensing is required.		1	Relocated under Registered Nurse Acute Care.
254421 Registered Nurse Medical Practice	Alternative Titles: Practice Nurse Primary Health Care Nurse (NZ) Provides clinical care to patients, undertakes clinical organisation and practice administration, and facilitates communication within a general practice environment and between the practice and outside organisations and individuals. Registration or licensing is required.		1	Relocated under Registered Nurse Primary Health Care.
254422 Registered Nurse (Mental Health)	Alternative Title: • Psychiatric Nurse	Alternative Title: • Psychiatric Nurse	1	No change to the descriptor except deleted the term "patient" and inserted "people".

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	 Provides nursing care to patients with mental health illness, disorder and dysfunction, and those experiencing emotional difficulties, distress and crisis in health, welfare and aged care facilities, correctional services and the community. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisations: Psychopaedic Nurse (NZ) Registered Nurse (Child and Adolescence Mental Health) Registered Nurse (Drug and Alcohol) Registered Nurse (Psychiatric Rehabilitation) Registered Nurse (Psychogeriatric Care) 	 Provides nursing care to people with mental health illness, disorder and dysfunction, and those experiencing emotional difficulties, distress and crisis in health, welfare and aged care facilities, correctional services and the community. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisations: Psychopaedic Nurse (NZ) Registered Nurse Child and Adolescence Mental Health Registered Nurse Drug and Alcohol Registered Nurse Psychiatric Rehabilitation Registered Nurse Psychogeriatric Care 	
254423 Registered	Alternative Title:		Relocated under Registered Nurse Acute
Nurse (Perioperative)	Operating Room Nurse		Care.
	Provides nursing care to patients before, during and immediately after surgery, assesses patients' condition, plans nursing care for surgical intervention, maintains a safe and comfortable environment, assists Surgeons and Anaesthetists during surgery, and monitors patients' recovery from anaesthetic, prior to return to, or		

	discharge from, ward. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisations: Registered Nurse (Anaesthetic) Registered Nurse (Operating Room) Registered Nurse (Recovery)			
254424 Registered Nurse (Surgical)	Provides nursing care to patients with injuries and illness that require surgical intervention. Registration or licensing is required.			Relocated under Registered Nurse Acute Care.
254425 Registered Nurse (Paediatrics)	Provides nursing care to children of all ages, including neonates, across a range of health and community settings with an emphasis on assessing children's acute and ongoing needs while taking into account physical, social, cultural and family circumstances. Registration or licensing is required.			Relocated under Registered Nurse Acute Care.
254499 Registered Nurses – nec	 This occupation group covers Registered Nurses not elsewhere classified. Registration or licensing is required. Occupations in this group include: Aboriginal Health Nurse Flight Nurse Immunisation Nurse 	 This occupation group covers Registered Nurses not elsewhere classified. Registration or licensing is required. Occupations in this group include: Red Cross Life Blood Service Registered Nurse Remote Area Nurse 	1	No change to the descriptor. A number of additional areas of practice have been added and some moved to other classifications.

	 Nursing Officer (Defence Forces) Pathology Nurse Radiology Nurse Red Cross Blood Service Nurse Registered Nurse (Infection Control) Remote Area Nurse 	 Rural Nurse Registered Nurse Digital Health Registered Nurse Policy Registered Nurse Cosmetic procedures Flight nurse 		
411411 Enrolled Nurse - Acute Care	Alternative Title: • Nursing Assistant (NZ) Provides nursing care to patients in a variety of health, aged care, welfare and community settings under the supervision of Registered Nurses. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisation: • Medical Assistant (Defence)	Alternative Title: • Nursing Assistant (NZ) Provides nursing care to people in a variety of acute care settings, under the direction, supervision and delegation of a Registered Nurse. Registration or licensing is required. Specialisation: • Enrolled Nurse (Medical) • Enrolled Nurse (Surgical) • Enrolled Nurse (Medical/Surgical)	2	Rename Enrolled Nurse – Acute Care Have created new classifications for Enrolled Nurse that mirror the relevant registered nurse classifications. The descriptor has been amended to limit the classification to acute care. The Medical Assistant (Defence) is not an Enrolled Nurse.
XXXXXXX Enrolled Nurse – Aged Care	New classification	Provides nursing care to older people in a variety of aged care settings under the direction, supervision and delegation of a Registered Nurse. Registration or licensing is required.	2	New classification for Enrolled Nurse that mirrors the relevant registered nurse classification. The descriptor has been amended to limit the classification to aged care.

XXXXXX Enrolled Nurse – Primary Health Care	New classification	Provides nursing care to people in a variety of community settings under the direction, supervision and delegation of a Registered Nurse. Registration or licensing is required.	2	New classification for Enrolled Nurse that mirrors the relevant registered nurse classification. The descriptor has been amended to limit the classification to primary health care.
XXXXXX Enrolled Nurse – Mental Health	New classification	Provides nursing care to people in a variety of mental health settings under the direction, supervision and delegation of a Registered Nurse. Registration or licensing is required.	2	New classification for Enrolled Nurse that mirrors the relevant registered nurse classification. The descriptor has been amended to limit the classification to mental health care.
XXXXXX Enrolled Nurse <u>– Disability</u>	New classification	 Provides nursing care to people with intellectual and development disabilities in a range of health, welfare and community settings under the direction, supervision and delegation of a Registered Nurse. Registration or licensing is required. 	2	New classification for Enrolled Nurse that mirrors the relevant registered nurse classification. The descriptor has been amended to limit the classification to disability care.
XXXXX Enrolled Nurse - Other	New classification	 This occupation group covers Enrolled Nurses not elsewhere classified. Registration or licensing is required. Occupations in this group include: Red Cross Life Blood Enrolled Nurse Rural Enrolled Nurse 	2	New classification for Enrolled Nurse that mirrors the relevant registered nurse classification for those not elsewhere classified.

		 Aboriginal Health Enrolled Nurse Remote Enrolled Nurse 		
411412 Mothercraft Nurse	Provides care to newborn infants, and provides advice and training on infant care to parents of newborn infants. Registration or licensing is required.	Deleted classification	2	Less than 150 mothercraft nurses remain on the NMBA Register. They are registered as enrolled nurses with two notations that limit their role to this area of practice and prevent them from administering medicines. There are no new mothercraft nurses on the Register and there are no entry to practice pathways leading to registration for domestic or overseas qualified mothercraft nurses or their equivalent.



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Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the ABS public consultation for the comprehensive review of the ANZSCO. Amendments to ensure that the classifications are up to date and reflect our contemporary workforce will lead to a more accurate national dataset for the nursing and midwifery professions. We look forward to participating in the continuing consultation process to update ANZSCO and to design a new approach to maintaining ANZSCO to reflect the contemporary labour market and better meet stakeholder's needs.