



## Definitions of policies, position statements, guidelines, issues papers and fact sheets

### ANMF Policies

A policy is a specific statement of principles and/or guiding actions that express the clear commitment of the ANMF on contemporary issues; a statement of values and/or intent that provides a basis for consistent decision making and resource allocation; and may include a definite method or course of action to effectively guide and determine present and future decisions.

Policies are established to:

- Respond to legal or regulatory guidelines;
- Resolve a conflict or an issue;
- Recognise legitimate interests;
- Prepare, inform and guide members, the professions and external stakeholders.

### ANMF Position Statements

A position statement is an articulation of the ANMF stance on a specific issue currently or potentially affecting nurses and midwives. A position statement may become policy after a period of considered debate and review if the issue raises principles and a plan of action, which need to be incorporated into policy.

### ANMF Guidelines

Guidelines provide information intended to assist and guide members in relation to specific issues. Guidelines are based on best available evidence and regulatory requirements. The intention of guidelines is to influence the development of, and complement, local organisational professional and/or industrial nursing and midwifery policies and protocols.

The ANMF may develop joint guidelines with other national nursing and midwifery organisations and/or other national bodies.

### ANMF Issues Papers

An issues paper contains discussion of topics of interest, importance or critical consequence to nursing and/or midwifery. These papers may be ideological or may be developed using the best available evidence.



### **ANMF Information/Fact Sheets**

An information or fact sheet is a brief overview of issues of interest to members, the professions and/or external stakeholders.

### **ANMF Reports**

An ANMF report can be developed when a significant issue is identified for members, the professions and/or external stakeholders that requires evidence-based review and proposed solutions.