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ENSURING YOU ARE EMPLOYING REGISTERED NURSES AND MIDWIVES

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The responsibility of the PNG Nursing Council (PNG NC) is to protect and promote the public interest through the maintenance of nurses' and midwives' standards of conduct and competence. To assist in achieving this purpose, the Council has a statutory mandate under legislation to approve and monitor educational programs that lead to registration.

2. Licencing and Renewal

- 2.1 The PNG NC currently renews the Licence to Practise every other year, next renewal March 2016, once the nurse or midwife has declared that they have engaged in nursing practice during the previous two years and paid their renewal fee. The PNG NC keeps a register and registration is valid for life unless revoked by PNG NC Disciplinary Committee.

3. Employer's responsibility

- 3.1 New graduate nurses or overseas registrants receive a **Provisional Licence**, to be able to be employed in PNG, whether in the Government, Church, NGOs or private sector. To gain this Licence they must show evidence of the following to the PNG NC: an Institutional Academic Award, Character references and a Statement of Competency (overseas registrants have other requirements).
- 3.2 Employers must see the new graduates or overseas registrants Provisional Registration Certificate to employ them. Once the Provisional Licence is issued it is the responsibility of the employee to carry out the one page Statement of competency with a Clinical supervisor and or Preceptor within the first 6 months of employment. The registrant will submit this Statement of Competency (NC6 or NC7) along with fees and application form NC2. Only then will Full Registration and Licence to practise can be issued. At this point an individual is Fully Registered under the Medical Act 1980 (Health Practitioners Bill 2015 in final review)

4. How do you find out if a nurse or midwife is registered

- 4.1 Please **contact the PNG Nursing Council on +675 301 3803/3799 on Tuesday or Thursdays**. Please provide the health care workers name and training institute, registration number if available. The PNG NC staff will check the database to verify the registration status of the nurse or midwife.

5. Fees

Table 1: Fee structure for nurses and midwives

| Type of Applicant | | Fee structure | |
|-------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 5.1 | Provisional to Full for PNG individuals who graduated in PNG. | Provisional Full registration Renewal (nurse/midwife) | 30.00PGK 50.00PGK 70.00PGK |
| 5.2 | An overseas nurse and/or midwife is a health professional who was educated and registered in a country other than PNG and is not a PNG citizen. | Provisional Full registration Renewal | 500.00PGK 500.00PGK 250.00PGK |
| 5.3 | An overseas nurse and/or midwife who has been working in PNG for over 10 years, will be regarded as a PNG applicant for registration purposes. | Provisional Full registration Renewal (nurse/midwife) | 30.00PGK 50.00PGK 70.00PGK |
| 5.4 | A non PNG citizen who has completed their nursing or midwifery training in PNG will be regarded as a PNG applicant for registration purposes. | Provisional Full registration Renewal (nurse/midwife) | 30.00PGK 50.00PGK 70.00PGK |
| 5.5 | A PNG citizen educated and registered overseas returning to PNG will be regarded as a PNG applicant for registration purposes. | Provisional Full registration Renewal (nurse/midwife) | 30.00PGK 50.00PGK 70.00PGK |
| 5.6 | An overseas nurse and/or midwife who is applying for Volunteer Work Permit for one to four weeks is in a separate category as fee waiver, 2-9 months volunteering is 50.00PGK This category will change again with the Health Practitioners Bill is enacted. | Fee waived (as per Medical Act 117) 1-4 weeks Temporary | 00.00PGK 50.00PGK |
| 5.7 | An overseas nurse and/or midwife who is applying for Volunteer Work Permit for one to four weeks is in a separate category | Fee waived (as per Medical Act 117) Replaced by: Temporary (HPB 23a) | 50.00PGK |
| 5.8 | A registrant who has been removed from the register and is registration is restored through a Disciplinary Committee and Board decision | Restoration of registration | 30.00PGK |
| 5.9 | A request for a letter for an employer or overseas registration authority or educational institute to say an individual is registered with the Nursing Council | Verification Letter | 30.00PGK |
| 5.10 | Cost for supply of a duplicate registration certificate. | Duplication registration Certificate | 30.00PGK |
| | | Fee waived (as per Medical Act 117) 1-4 weeks Temporary | 00.00PGK 50.00PGK |