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Update from National Nursing and Midwifery Board on Overdue Renewals and Overseas Applications/IELTS Tests

The National and Midwifery Board has released a statement in regard to nurses and midwives who have failed to renew their registration within the “grace period” (for those who were due to renew on June 30th or July 1st 2010 and have not done so). The Board has also issued an FAQ sheet re IELTS and Info on visa requirements for international students.

It is important for nursing staff to bear in mind that if they **cannot evidence** their paper trail surrounding renewal then their hospital has to consider them **not registered to practice**. Naturally this does have rather serious implications. Staff are encouraged to contact their HR Department if they have queries and for small hospitals, contact the Board directly.

Go to <http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/> for the latest information about late renewals and overseas applications.

Promoting Private Hospitals – a workshop for private hospital staff

APHA is pleased to announce ‘**Promoting Private Hospitals: A Public Relations workshop for private hospital staff**’. If you or your staff want to learn the tricks of the trade in dealing with the media, issues & crisis management, making your website more engaging and the opportunities of social media like Twitter or Facebook, then make sure you register your interest for this one day workshop on 20 October 2010 in Sydney. The workshop is timed so that you can stay an extra day after the APHA Congress.

Anyone working at a private hospital who is responsible for marketing, public relations and communications should attend. Whether you are a CEO who manages hospital communications as just one hat you wear or a dedicated marketing and communications specialist working at a private hospital, this workshop will provide hands-on materials for you to take home and implement.

This full day workshop will cost \$125.00 for each delegate and APHA is pleased to be able to offer this low member rate because of financial support from our Diamond Sponsor, HESTA. To register an expression of interest in attending, please email Lisa Ramshaw at lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au

BreastScreen Australia monitoring report 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released *BreastScreen Australia monitoring report 2006-2007 and 2007-2008* which is the tenth report presenting national statistics (combining data from the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 reporting periods) on key program activity, performance and outcome indicators for BreastScreen Australia. BreastScreen Australia aims to reduce mortality and morbidity from breast cancer through detecting cancers early. Breast cancer is the second most common cause of death from cancer in Australian women. Since BreastScreen Australia commenced in 1991, mortality from breast cancer has decreased steadily. Further, more

than half of all invasive breast cancers detected by BreastScreen Australia are small, with small breast cancers associated with increased treatment options and improved survival. The report can be found at: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/11751>

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