

Nurse Practitioner standards for practice - Alfred Health Feedback submitted to NMBA 28 August 20

Questions for consideration

The NMBA is inviting feedback to questions to

An [online survey](#) is available to provide your responses to the questions below.

1. *The presentation of the proposed revised standards has been aligned to the presentation of the Registered nurse standards for practice and the Midwifery standards for practice.*

Do you agree that the content and structure of the proposed revised standards improved from the previous iteration?

Agree that the Nurse Practitioners standards should be aligned to the RN standards. Using this alignment supports clarification of the advanced scope of practice the NP that is beyond scope of practice of the RN. Reinforces the RN component of the NP role. Removal of “cue” and replacement with “The NP:” for each of the statement components is an improvement.

2. *‘Support of systems’ is a key component of advanced practice. Support of systems is embedded in the NP orientating statements and is more evident with the renaming of Standard 4 to ‘Supporting health systems’.*

Do you agree with the way that ‘Support of systems’ has been included in the document? If no, how could it be improved?

The inclusion of “supporting systems” in standard 4 highlights the important role and impact of NPs in supporting and influencing our health systems.

3. *The Nurse practitioner standards framework has been amended to denote the clinical independence of nurse practitioners.*

Do you agree with the changes made to the Nurse practitioners standard framework (Figure 1, on page 2 of the Standards for practice document)? If no, how could it be improved?

Removal of “clinical domains” and replacement with independence” reinforces the advanced practice of the NP (which is underpinned by masters level education) and that have NPs have authority to diagnose and treat patients,

4. *The glossary has been revised to include updates to the key definitions of ‘advanced practice’ and ‘nurse practitioner’. New definitions of ‘autonomous’ and ‘independence’ have been added as well as current NMBA definitions for ‘cultural safety’ and ‘standards for practice’.*

Are there any other terms that are used in the document that you feel should be included in the glossary to provide greater clarity?

Including a definition of “autonomous” provides further clarification of autonomous

practice versus independent practice.

5. Do you have any other comments on the proposed revised standards?