
NATIONAL ENROLLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL (NENAC) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

The National Enrolled Nursing Advisory Council (NENAC) is the peak body within Australia representing the TAFE sector in all state and territories which offer enrolled nursing programs.

NENAC aims to represent and advocate for vocational education and training (VET) for enrolled nurses, and to provide strategic comment and advice to both regulatory and core nursing and midwifery organisations on relevant policy and strategy matters relating to enrolled nursing.

NENAC will lead and represent those who provide education to enrolled nurses and promote the public image of enrolled nursing education. Members will meet in a collegial environment to support each other and discuss issues and developments in the disciplines of enrolled nursing clinical education.

Terms of Reference

1. Provide strategic advice and recommendations on:
 - key policy issues relating to enrolled nursing
 - issues related to regulation, accreditation and education of enrolled nurses
 - changes within the VET sector that impact on nursing education
 - workforce development issues impacting on enrolled nursing
 - research and best practice in enrolled nursing.
 2. Provide strategic advice to regulatory, accreditation, professional bodies e.g. Chief Nurse, ANMAC, AHPRA, NMBA, ACN, ANMF.
 3. Provide a strong focus point for enrolled nursing education.
 4. Inform and contribute to national VET reform agendas, including the review and development of training packages in relation to the Diploma of Nursing.
 5. Support industry, employers and businesses to engage with enrolled nursing educators to promote pathways and programs.
 6. Provide responses, comments and recommendations on reports and reviews on enrolled nursing education.
 7. Raise the profile of enrolled nurses in the healthcare workforce.
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8. Provide a forum for discussion regarding matters which effect enrolled nursing education and clinical practice.
9. Receive reports from members who are representing NENAC or TDA on committees and to provide those members with feedback or a collective view on matters raised.

Membership

Representation from all states and territories in Australia.

Meetings

NENAC will meet monthly. In addition:

- the chair will rotate through the participating VET providers every two (2) years
- the group will meet through video conferencing and be supported administratively by TDA
- the group will liaise with relevant persons/organisations as required
- Minutes will be reported, actions tabled and decisions made by majority agreement.

Quorum

A quorum for the meeting shall consist of half the members, plus one.