

NMC Circular 14/2006
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Dear Colleague

Revision to NMC Circular 5/2005, endorsement of NMC programmes approved in the UK for delivery in specified locations outside the UK.

NMC Circular 5/2005 is withdrawn.

NMC Circular 14/2006 sets out the procedures that the NMC will apply when considering approved programmes to be delivered in specified locations outside of the UK. The procedure, known as endorsement, is set out in Annexe 1 of this Circular. This applies to any NMC approved programme leading to registration or recording in the register and is primarily intended to facilitate the delivery of programmes in the offshore islands of the British Isles and for British Forces Health Services.

Endorsement ensures that the programme meets required standards, is delivered by NMC registrants within a context of UK healthcare, and that appropriately prepared NMC registrants carry out supervision and assessment in practice.

Endorsement established under the Nursing and Midwifery Order (2001), permits the NMC to assess training outside the United Kingdom (UK) as contributing towards the standards of proficiency for admission to the register (Article 13(2)(b) and to approve courses of training run outside of the UK (Article 15 (7)).

Circular 14/2006 (Annexe 1) retains the key principles of Circular 5/2005 but specifically identifies information needed to determine whether endorsement should proceed (Annexe 2).

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Yours sincerely



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