

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-159

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: WORKFORCE AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

What were the recency of practice requirements in each jurisdiction before National Registration and Accreditation?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing is aware that prior to the introduction of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, all jurisdictions except New South Wales required nurses to have nursing experience in the preceding 5 years before application for registration or to have satisfactorily completed a refresher course or training in general nursing.

New South Wales had no recency of practice requirements. The requirements were that an applicant had been previously registered and that the registration was properly granted on the basis of qualifications actually possessed by the applicant at the time of previous registration.

More detailed information on recency of practice requirements before the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme may be available from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.