

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME 12:** Health Workforce Capacity

**Topic:** HEALTH WORKFORCE

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**Senator:** Senator Boyce

**Question:**

- a) Please advise what further training a general practitioner needs to undertake after being out of the workforce for 5 years?
- b) Please advise what further training a registered nurse needs to undertake after being out of the workforce for 5 years?

**Answer:**

Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) there is a national registration board for each participating health profession. The national boards are supported in their role by an independent statutory agency, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, which administers the receipt and processing of applications for registration and maintains a public register of registered health practitioners.

- a) The specific requirements for re-entry to the medical profession are determined by the Medical Board of Australia. Information can be obtained at [www.medicalboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalboard.gov.au)
- b) The specific requirements for re-entry into the nursing profession after absence are determined by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Information can be obtained at [www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)

The AHPRA website at [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) contains further information about the NRAS and links to the websites of the national boards.