

## Voluntary removal

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If a nurse, midwife or nursing associate is subject to fitness to practise proceedings, they can apply to be removed from the register by way of voluntary removal (VR).<sup>1</sup> This will conclude the proceedings without the need for a full hearing. VR supports our aim to 'reach the outcome that best protects the public at the earliest opportunity'.

The VR process also applies if a nurse, midwife or nursing associate who is not subject to fitness to practise proceedings tells us about a potential regulatory concern when they apply to be removed from the register by VR.  
<sup>1</sup> Rule 14(1) and (2A) of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (Education, Registration and Registration Appeals) Rules 2004 ('the Registration Rules').