

Looking at our standards for education and training courses

What do you think?



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Please tell us what you think by
Wednesday, 21 September 2022

What's in this survey

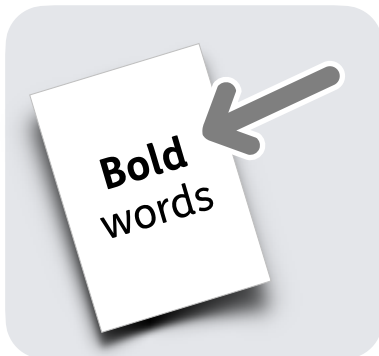
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In this Easy Read document, hard words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.

About us



We are the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).



Our job is to help nurses, midwives and nursing associates do the best job possible.



We want to make sure nurses, midwives and nursing associates have the skills and knowledge they need to do their jobs well.



This will mean they can give everyone the best care possible, and keep people safe and healthy.

About this survey



When someone is learning to be a nurse, midwife or nursing associate in this country, they will do a training course that we have approved.



We only approve courses that meet the right standards - that means the quality of the course is very good, including:



- What the students will learn and who will teach them.



- Who is allowed to take part in the course.



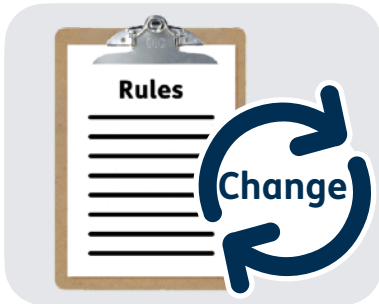
- Where and how the course is taught.



Before Brexit, when the UK left the European Union, our standards had to follow the same rules as all other countries in the European Union.



But now the standards can follow our own rules here in the UK.



We would like to improve the standards for the UK by making some changes.



There are 4 areas we are suggesting changes to:

1. Choosing who can take part in a course.
2. The knowledge, skills and experience people will get during a course.





3. The places where courses are taught.



4. Simulation - this is training that is set up to be like a real-life situation.



We have worked together with other organisations and health professionals to think about the changes.



Before we make a final decision about changing our standards, we want to know what you think about our ideas.



Please read the information in this Easy Read survey and then answer the questions.

We need your answers by Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

What do you think?

1. Choosing who can take part in a course



At the moment, our standards say that you need to have been in education for at least 12 years before you can take part in a nursing or midwifery course.



But this may not be fair to everyone. Some people don't get the same chance to go to school as other people when they are growing up.



We want to remove this from our standards so that we are being fair to everyone.



We also want to add in a new part to our standards, for anyone under the age of 18 who applies to take part in a course.



We want our standards to say there must be rules in place that make sure anyone under 18 is supported to be safe from harm.



Question 1: Do you agree or disagree that we should stop saying people have to have been in education for at least 12 years before they can take part in a course?

Agree

Disagree

Neither
agree or
disagree

Don't know



Question 2: Do you agree or disagree that we should make sure there are rules in place to support anyone under 18 who takes part in a course?

Agree

Disagree

Neither
agree or
disagree

Don't know





Question 3. If we make these changes to our standards, which courses do you think the changes should apply to?

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Just nursing courses

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Just midwifery courses

☐

Both nursing and midwifery courses

☐

Don't know

2. The knowledge, skills and experience people will get during a course



At the moment, our standards say what knowledge, skills and experience people should get during a course. But it still mentions the rules for all countries in the European Union.



We want to remove mention of the European rules from our standards.



But we are suggesting keeping the information from the European rules about what experience people should get when they are training to become a midwife, including:



- The number of women they should help to have a baby.



- Dealing with different types of problems that women have during pregnancy and having a baby.



Question 4: Do you agree or disagree that we should remove any mention of the European rules from our standards?

Agree



Disagree



Neither
agree or
disagree



Don't know



Question 5: If we make this change to our standards, which courses do you think the change should apply to?

☐

Just nursing courses

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Just midwifery courses

☐

Both nursing and midwifery
courses

☐

Don't know



Question 6: Do you agree or disagree that we should keep the information from the European rules in our standards, about what experience people need to get when training to be a midwife?

Agree



Disagree



Neither
agree or
disagree



Don't know



3. The places where courses are taught



At the moment, our standards say where people should be taught to become a nurse or midwife.



This is because we had to follow the same rules as all other countries in the European Union.

We don't have to do this anymore.



We think some of the words about where nurses should go to get training experience are old fashioned and out of date.



So we want to remove mention of the European rules on where nurses should go to get experience training in different organisations.



We think it is important for midwives to get experience in different organisations.



So we want to change our standards to say that people doing midwifery courses should get some experience in different places.



Question 7: Do you agree or disagree that we should remove mention of the European rules on places where people learn to be nurses and midwives?

Agree



Disagree



Neither
agree or
disagree



Don't know



Question 8: If we make this change to our standards, which courses do you think the change should apply to?

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Just nursing courses

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Just midwifery courses

☐

Both nursing and midwifery courses

☐

Don't know



Question 9: Do you agree or disagree that our standards should say midwives need to have experience in different organisations?

Agree



Disagree



Neither
agree or
disagree



Don't know



4. Simulation



Simulation is when something is set up to be like a real-life situation.



For nurses, simulation could be things like practising to put a bandage on a plastic dummy instead of a real person. Or, doing some training on a computer instead of face-to-face.



At the moment, our standards follow the European rules that say nurses must do the **practice learning** part of their training with other people.



Practice learning is the part of a training course that nurses do in a health setting, like a hospital, with real people who need care.



Other parts of the course are done in a classroom, with a teacher and other students.



We think nurses should be allowed to do some of their training using simulation. So we are suggesting changing our standards to allow nurses to do part of their training using simulation instead of with other people.



But we still want midwives to do all of their practice learning with real people instead of using simulation.



Question 10: Do you agree or disagree that we should change our standards to allow nurses to do part of their practice learning using simulation?

Agree

Disagree

Neither
agree or
disagree

Don't know



Question 11: We have said that we still want midwives to do all of their practice learning with real people.

But do you think we should look at changing this in the future, to let midwives do some of their practice learning using simulation too?

Yes

No

Don't know





Question 12: Do you have any more comments about anything in this survey?
Please tell us here:

Thank you



Thank you for telling us what you think.

Your answers will help us to decide whether we make changes to our standards for education and training courses.



If you would like us to keep in touch with you about this survey and what we decide to do next, please tell us:

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