

Your future nurse: easy read

 A blue rectangular graphic with the word 'Info' in white at the top. Below it is a white speech bubble containing a small 'easy read' icon, a person in a red shirt, and several horizontal lines representing text.	<p>This easy read guide tells you what new nurses will need to know and do</p>
 The logo for the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC). It features the letters 'NMC' in a large, bold, blue font, followed by the words 'Nursing & Midwifery Council' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.	<p>We are the Nursing and Midwifery Council, or NMC. We are in charge of who can be a nurse in the UK</p>
 A photograph of a woman in a dark grey dress pointing at a blackboard, and a man in a white nurse's uniform standing next to her.	<p>We say what nurses need to know and do before they are allowed to be a nurse</p>
 The cover of the 'Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses' document. It has a teal background with white line-art icons of people's heads and shoulders. The text reads: 'Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses' and 'Published 27 May 2019'. The NMC logo is in the top right corner.	<p>We call this our standards of proficiency for registered nurses, or standards for short</p>
 A photograph of three people standing side-by-side. On the left is a woman in a dark blue nurse's uniform. In the middle is a man in a white nurse's uniform. On the right is a woman in a blue nurse's uniform.	<p>Nurses are very important for everyone</p>



Nurses need to do lots of things well so they can care for you well



Our standards have changed. This is to make sure nurses can give good care and support now and in the future



Our new standards have seven parts. These are the 7 things it is really important for nurses to know



Part 1 says nurses need to care for you and involve you in decisions



Nurses need to give the best care. They also need to be honest about what they do when they are caring for you



Nurses also need to make sure they keep learning and always get better



Part 2 of the standards says nurses have to work with you to help you make your own health better



They help you to choose what care you get and support you to be as healthy as you can



They will also help improve the health of all people across the country



Part 3 of the standards says nurses will look at everything about you when they work out what kind of care you need



This includes your mental health, your physical health, and if you have a learning disability



They will work with you to make health plans that look at your whole life



Nurses make decisions with you. They don't make decisions for you



Part 4 of the standards says nurses care for people at all ages and wherever they are – like hospitals or their home



Nurses will work with you, your family and carers to make health and care plans.



They look at the plans with you to see if they are working



All nurses can treat common things, like changing bandages or giving injections



Part 5 of the standards says nurses have to be good leaders



This is to make sure anyone looking after you is safe do the right things



Nurses have to make sure they can communicate well with anyone else who might be looking after you



Part 6 of the standards says nurses will look at the care you get so it's the best it can be for you. They will try to make it better if they can



Nurses also make sure your care is safe



They make sure your care gives you what you need, is what you want, and is best for you



Part 7 of the standards says nurses will make sure all the care you get is joined up. This is really important if you have lots of health conditions or get care in lots of places



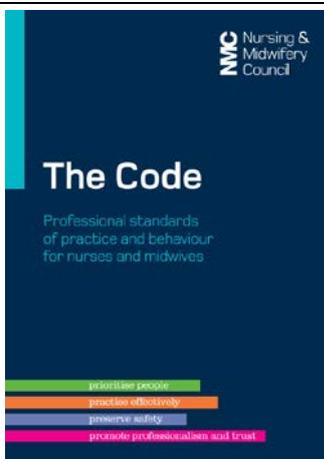
There are two extra parts that say more about what nurses need to be able to do. We call these annexe 1 and annexe 2



Annexe 1 says what nurses need to know about how to communicate with people well. This includes things about how to communicate with people who have a learning disability

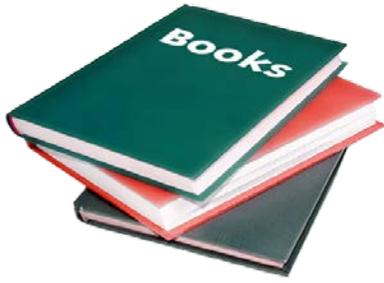


Annexe 2 says what things nurses need to be able to do. This is things like doing blood tests and giving you injections



The other thing that tells nurses what they need to do is called **the code**. All nurses need to do what the code says. You can find out more about the code here:

www.nmc.org.uk/code



We also have other things saying what nurses need to learn. These are for universities and other places that help to teach nurses



To find out more about the standards you can look at:

www.nmc.org.uk/education