# 5. Qualification to be awarded

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Approved Education Institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:

5.1following successful completion of an NMC approved programme of preparation, confirm that the registered nurse (level 1), midwife or SCPHN is eligible to be recorded as a prescriber, in either or both categories of:

5.1.1a community practitioner nurse or midwife prescriber (V100/V150), or

5.1.2a nurse or midwife independent/supplementary prescriber (V300)

5.2ensure that participation in and successful completion of an NMC approved prescribing programme leads to accreditation at a level equivalent to a bachelor's degree[7] as a minimum award

5.3inform the student that the award must be registered with us within five years of successfully completing the programme and if they fail to do so they will have to retake and successfully complete the programme in order to qualify and register their award as a prescriber[8], and

5.4inform the student that they may only prescribe once their prescribing qualification has been annotated on the NMC register and they may only prescribe from the formulary they are qualified to prescribe from and within their competence and scope of practice.

7 Level 6 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and Level 9 in Scotland.

8 The requirement to undertake the qualification again is a standard made by Council under its powers contained at Article 19(3) of the Nursing and Midwifery Order (2001 as amended)