Non prescribing Nurse Practitioners registered prior to 1 July 2014

Prior to 1 July 2014, nurse practitioners may have been registered without prescribing. From 1 July 2014, this group of non-prescribing nurse practitioners have a condition in the nurse practitioner scope of practice identifying they are unable to prescribe. The condition reads “must not prescribe as an authorised prescriber (nurse practitioner)”.

Non prescribing nurse practitioners can achieve prescribing competency by either of the following pathways:

1. Those nurse practitioners with qualifications that include pharmacology and a prescribing practicum are required to completed 100 hours of supervised prescribing practice and a competence assessment by a medical mentor and a nurse practitioner (a change of condition fee is applicable); or
2. Those nurse practitioners who do not have the appropriate qualification must complete a Nursing Council approved pharmacology paper and a prescribing practicum that includes 100 hours of supervised prescribing practice and a competence assessment by a medical practitioner and a nurse practitioner (a change of condition fee is applicable) or supply a portfolio that demonstrates they have the equivalent knowledge and skills and complete a panel review (a prescribing panel fee is applicable).