



NZNO NATIONAL ENROLLED NURSE SECTION

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Dear Carolyn,

Recently at our National Enrolled Nurse Section Committee meeting we discussed the transition process for all Enrolled Nurses in New Zealand.

While we congratulate the Nursing Council of New Zealand and DHBNZ on their support of transitioning Enrolled Nurses into the new revised scope of practice we feel that the time period of one year is not long enough.

Many District Health Board's throughout New Zealand have only just commenced Transition Study Days for enrolled nurses in late October or November and these do not finish until beyond May 2011.

We appreciate that it does take some time to organise and set programmes for the study days, approximately four months of the one year to transition have been lost in this process, leaving only eight months for enrolled nurses to complete the transition into the new scope, which includes Christmas and the month of January.

We are aware that some enrolled nurses have already transitioned, but the majority have yet to do so in 2011.

We would appreciate the Nursing Council of New Zealand reviewing this situation with a view to extending the transition period for all enrolled nurses.

The National Enrolled Nurse Section looks forward to hearing back from you in the near future.

Kind Regards

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