

Question on Notice

No. 788

Asked on 16 June 2021

MS R BATES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise what different credential requirements exist across each Queensland Hospital and Health Service for Nurse Practitioners and outline the reasons for these credentialing differentiations?

ANSWER

I am advised that staff working within Queensland Health must practice in accordance with the Health Service Directive: Credentialing and defining the scope of clinical practice, available at the following link, https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0038/670979/qh-hsd-034.pdf.

The Directive applies to all Hospital and Health Services and is relevant to professionals, including Nurse Practitioners, identified in the professional stream requirements section of the document.

Accordingly, each individual Hospital and Health Service (HHS) has its own credentialing requirements for Nurse Practitioners that align with the requirements of the individual Nurse Practitioner role and contextual factors, including geographic dispersion, level of acuity, clinical services capability and cultural aspects. Due to the diverse scope of clinical practice that exists for Nurse Practitioners across HHSs, I am advised that it would not be practical to provide a complete list of the different credentialing requirements as requested.