

Our Duty of Care – Recommendation 7 & 35

7 - CARE WORKERS NOT COVERED BY LEGISLATION

35 - TRAINING PLACES FOR CERTIFICATE III

What is this project about?

The National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce (N³ET) is currently undertaking work to review progress on Recommendations 7 and 35 from the National Review of Nursing Education (2002) Our Duty of Care report. The recommendations are:

Recommendation 7: Care workers not covered by regulation

To ensure quality and safety in the health, aged and community care sectors, all workers without relevant recognised training who are employed to provide direct care should have:

- a) a common national nomenclature
- b) a minimum competency level of Certificate III from the appropriate Community Services or Health Training Package
- c) an appropriate suitability check.

Recommendation 35: Training places for Certificate III

To ensure that those workers involved in direct care work in the health, aged and community care sectors achieve a level of at least Certificate III in the appropriate Community Services or Health Training Package by 2008, a strategy should be developed to expand workplace assessment and the number of training places for Certificate III in the appropriate training packages.

Taskforce Role	Taskforce to report	Commencement of Work	August 2005
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Key Milestones/Deliverables	Timeline
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Phase 1 – data collection from jurisdictions on national nomenclature	Completed
Phase 2 – data collection from jurisdictions on qualification levels, suitability checks and implementation strategy.	Completed
Report to the Ministers on jurisdictional progress	May 06

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