
FAR-12 Enrolled nurses and shared health summaries

QUERY Can an enrolled nurse create/author a shared health summary?

Response No. An enrolled nurse (Division 2) is not permitted by the *My Health Records Act 2012* to create/author a shared health summary [see FAR-03].

Only nominated healthcare providers [see FAR-05] are permitted to create/author a shared health summary. There are currently three types of nominated healthcare providers:

1. An individual registered by a Registration Authority as a Medical Practitioner within the meaning of the National Law.
2. An individual registered by a Registration Authority as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health practitioner within the meaning of the National Law.
3. An individual registered by a Registration Authority as a Registered Nurse within the meaning of the National Law.

A Registered Nurse (Division 1) is a person who has completed the prescribed education preparation, demonstrated competence to practice and is registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as a registered nurse in Australia.

Reminder: there are other requirements that must also be met for a person to meet the definition of a Nominated Healthcare Provider [see FAR-05].

Policy Consultations were conducted with the relevant professional associations to determine which nurses would be authorised to create/author shared health summaries. The policy decision taken was that only individuals registered as Registered Nurses would be permitted to do so.

Legislation An individual must be registered by a Registration Authority as a Registered Nurse within the meaning of National Law.

The Registration Authority is the relevant National Board [in this case the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia] and the National Agency is the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia keeps the register of Nurses – Registered Nurses (Division 1), Enrolled Nurses (Division 2).

A Registered Nurse (Division 1) is a person who has completed the prescribed education preparation, demonstrated competence to practice, and is registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as a Registered Nurse in Australia.

An Enrolled Nurse (Division 2) is a person who provides nursing care under the direct or indirect supervision of a Registered Nurse. They have completed the prescribed education preparation, and demonstrate competence to practice under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as an Enrolled Nurse in Australia. Enrolled Nurses are accountable for their own practice and remain responsible to a registered nurse for the delegated care.

References The detailed definition of National Law for all states and territories except WA is set out in the: Schedule to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* of Queensland.

The detailed definition of National Law for Western Australia is set out in the: *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (WA) Act 2010*.

Definition of a shared health summary – *Section 10 My Health Records Act 2012*
Definition of a nominated healthcare provider – *Section 5 My Health Records Act 2012*
Definition of national law – *Section 5 My Health Records Act 2012*
Definition of healthcare recipient – *Section 5 My Health Records Act 2012*
Definition of healthcare provider – *Section 5 My Health Records Act 2012*
Condition of registration – uploading of records – *Section 45 My Health Records Act 2012*

A healthcare identifier has been assigned under paragraph 9(1)(a) of the *Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010*

Cross reference FAR-03 Shared Health Summary
FAR-05 Nominate Healthcare Providers

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