



## SINGAPORE NURSING BOARD

### INDEPENDENT NURSING/MIDWIFERY PRACTICE

#### 1. Introduction

Section 52 of the Nurses and Midwives Regulations (2012) states that

*“(1) No registered nurse or enrolled nurse may practise nursing on his own account or in partnership with another except with the prior written consent of the Board.*

*“(2) No registered midwife may practise midwifery on his own account or in partnership with another except with the prior written consent of the Board.”*

#### 2. Definition

Independent nursing/midwifery practice is defined as the provision of an act of nursing or midwifery by a registered nurse (RN) or registered midwife (RMW), on her own account or in partnership with another person within her scope of practice.

#### 3. Application criteria

The RN/ RMW is required to obtain prior written approval from the SNB, if he/she is practising nursing/midwifery on his/her own account or in partnership with another nurse/midwife. The nurse/midwife shall possess:

- 3.1 a current full registration with the Singapore Nursing Board (SNB);
- 3.2 the relevant general and/or specialist qualifications and a minimum of 5 years post-registration experience in a hospital setting/ any healthcare institution approved by the Board; or in the provision of such nursing services, of which 3 years must be in the relevant specialised area; and
- 3.3 a current certification in Basic Cardiac Life Support and Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
- 3.4 all applications must be submitted at least 3 months before the commencement of the service.
- 3.5 all applicants must provide evidence of collaboration with a medical doctor in order to provide medical support in case of emergencies.

For enquiries and applications, please email to [SNB@spb.gov.sg](mailto:SNB@spb.gov.sg) with the heading *“Independent Nursing/ Midwifery Practise”*.