

AUSTRALASIAN REHABILITATION NURSES' ASSOCIATION

The following guidelines were developed to allow a formal method of granting nursing organisations affiliation with the Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association (ARNA).

Nursing organisations are requested to:

- 1) Apply in writing to ARNA
- 2) Lodge a copy of their aims and objectives with ARNA
- 3) Provide minutes and/or annual reports on a regular basis for tabling at National Committee Meetings
- 4) Indicate their willingness to act as a resource organisation for ARNA where appropriate and necessary

ARNA's obligations are as follows:

- 1) Provide formal approval at the first National Committee Meetings following receipt of the application
- 2) Provide written permission to the organisation following National Committee deliberations
- 3) Place the name of the organisation on the affiliated organisation list of the National Committee agenda and table information as received
- 4) List the name of the organisation with a link to their webpage on the ARNA Website
- 5) Provide newsletters, annual reports and continuing education programs to the organisation
- 6) Place the name of the organisation on the official invitation list for events, AGMs, conferences, etc
- 7) To consult with the organisation on matters concerning the nursing specialty that the organisation represents

It should be noted that:

- 1) Following written approval of affiliation the organisation shall have the right to publicise the affiliation. However, no use of the ARNA logo will be permitted
- 2) Affiliated organisations would have no automatic rights to membership
- 3) No affiliation fee will be charged

Criteria: Affiliation will be granted to organisations provided that:

- 1) They can show clarity of professional nursing purpose and that the aims and objectives of the organisation are congruent with those of the Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association

2) There is evidence of organisation. This could be shown by minutes, evidence of an Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers, and regular meetings

3) A regular review (each two years) occurs to ensure that the affiliated organisation remains viable

4) Continuing affiliation is at the discretion of the ARNA National Committee and the Executive of the affiliated organisation, and may be withdrawn by either body after written notification