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Announcing exciting improvements to your education and training opportunities with HCA!

You may already be aware of some exciting changes to your agency since July and noticed changes to the website and the company logos. Very shortly you will also begin to notice enormous changes to our already successful Registered Training Organisation – NursEd.

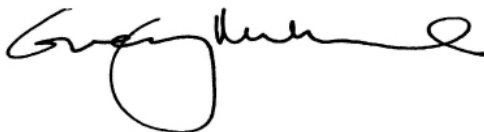
NursEd is now part of a new National Education Unit (NEU) within Healthcare Australia (HCA), which co-ordinates all education and training for the 11 HCA brands across Australia. The NEU is committed to providing the most comprehensive and highest quality education and training available to agency health care professionals in Australia. As we develop this fantastic resource over time, more and more exciting innovations will be made available to every member of the HCA family.

We will work with you and will assist nurses and midwives to achieve 20 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) so that when you re-register every 31 May, you can confidently declare that you are a competent and safe practitioner. In return we insist all staff maintain their mandatory annual competencies and never allow them to expire. HCA is aware of the demands on all our lives and wants to support you to maintain your competencies if you are having difficulties.

In the future we will only be able to offer work to staff with current competencies, so now is the time to check what is required for your designation as there may have been recent additions to mandatory competencies for your staff group as a result of the new Occupational Health and Safety Act (2012). Please ensure you complete the theoretical competencies via eLearning, and book into a practical course for Manual Handling and Basic Life Support in advance of your expiry date, or if you have already attended an update at another facility provide evidence of this.

These are very exciting times for HCA and its family of agencies. We are investing heavily in education and training and while the changes will be rolled out over the next 12 months, staff in all States and Territories will notice and appreciate improvements in the very near future.

Yours sincerely,



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