

## Have your say – revalidation and the revised Code

**Are you a  
new mother  
or father?**

**Are you a nurse  
or midwife or  
studying to  
become one?**

**Is someone you  
know receiving, or  
has recently had  
care by a nurse or  
midwife?**

**Are you a  
patient or carer?**

**Are you  
involved in  
training nurses  
and midwives?**

**Do you recruit,  
employ or manage  
nurses and  
midwives?**

If the answer is yes, make sure you have your say about our plans to help nurses and midwives improve how they care for and treat patients. January 2014 sees the start of the Nursing and Midwifery Council's (NMC) public consultation on revalidation and the revised Code and the NMC wants all those affected by these important changes to have their say.

### What is revalidation?

Revalidation will require every nurse and midwife to confirm that they:

- Continue to remain fit to practise by meeting the requirements of the revised Code.
- Have completed the required hours of practice and learning activity through continuing professional development (CPD).
- Have used feedback to review and improve the way they work.
- Have received confirmation from someone well placed to comment on their continuing fitness to practise.

### What is the Code?

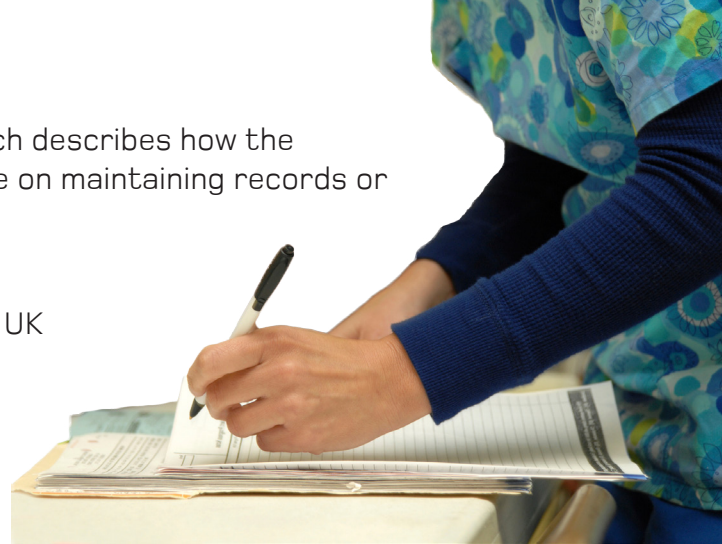
The Code sets out the core standards expected of all registered nurses and midwives. It applies to all nurses and midwives on our register, regardless of their role, specialty, grade, area of work or how or where they are employed.



The Code is supported by more detailed guidance which describes how the principles in the Code can be applied, such as guidance on maintaining records or raising concerns.

### Who is the NMC?

The NMC protects patients and the public across the UK through regulation of nurses and midwives. We work closely with nurses, midwives, their representatives and employers, as well as patients and the public to ensure the quality of care is at the heart of nursing and midwifery practice.



### What does the NMC do?

We set standards of education, training, conduct and performance for all nurses and midwives, and hold the register of those who have qualified and meet those standards. We provide guidance for nurses and midwives, and we have robust processes to investigate and deal with nurses and midwives who fall short of our standards.

### What is the consultation about?

This is part one of a two part, six month public consultation, which will run from January until July 2014. The consultation as a whole will address revising the Code (the standards of good nursing and midwifery practice) and implementing revalidation.

Part one of the consultation will use an online survey to gather views on:

- How the proposed approach to revalidation can work in practice across different settings, roles and employment types.
- How the Code should look, feel and what it should contain.

This will help ensure the revalidation model we launch in December 2015 is flexible and fit for purpose. Also, we will have people's early views of what a revised Code should be.

### When is the consultation taking place?

Part one of the consultation starts on 06 January 2014 and ends on 31 March 2014.

### How do I take part?

The online survey is available at [www.nmc-uk.org/revalidation-survey](http://www.nmc-uk.org/revalidation-survey)

### What other ways can I participate?

Running alongside the consultation will be NMC revalidation engagement events.

To find out about future engagement opportunities and how to take part please visit

[www.nmc-uk.org/revalidation](http://www.nmc-uk.org/revalidation)

