

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION AT THE 25th BIENNIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS.

The proposed changes to the Constitution of the CNMF are of a cosmetic nature and do not change the intent of the respective clauses. They are recommended to ensure clarity of meaning in each clause.

1.2

The term 'nurse' or 'midwife' refers to those people holding a statutory nursing or midwifery qualification from a Commonwealth country.

The term 'nurse' or 'midwife' refers to those people holding a statutory nursing or midwifery qualification recognised in the country in which they are currently working.

Rationale: *Membership of the CNMF is not restricted to nurses and midwives whose qualification was gained in a Commonwealth country only. Membership is open to nurses and midwives who are working in a Commonwealth country and for individual members, there is no requirement to be working in a Commonwealth country.*

2.1

The CNMF is a federation of Commonwealth national nursing and midwifery associations which have been formally admitted into membership and which have objects in accord with those of the CNMF.

The CNMF is a federation of national nursing and midwifery associations in Commonwealth countries, and other national, regional and international nursing, midwifery or health organisations and individuals formally admitted into membership according to Article 6, and which have objects in accord with those of the CNMF.

Rationale: Membership categories were expanded in the CNMF Constitution in 2014 however clause 2.1 does not reflect that change.

4.1

To maintain, facilitate and develop Commonwealth nursing and midwifery networks

To maintain, facilitate and develop nursing and midwifery networks across Commonwealth countries.

Rationale: Rephrasing the clause was recommended so it is more accurate.

4.2

To foster membership among all Commonwealth countries and to collaborate in its work with a range of international organisations, such as the International Council of Nurses and the International Confederation of Midwives.

To foster membership of the CNMF among all Commonwealth countries and to collaborate with a range of international organisations, such as the International Council of Nurses and the International Confederation of Midwives.

Rationale: The recommended change clarifies that it is membership of the CNMF that is to be fostered.