



NURSING COUNCIL OF KENYA

Promoting Quality Nursing and Midwifery Education and Practice in Kenya
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TO: ALL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

RE: HARMONIZATION OF BASIC NURSING AND MIDWIFERY PROGRAMMES

The Nurses and Midwives Act, Cap. 257 of the Laws of Kenya, under Section 9(1)(d), mandates the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) to prescribe and regulate syllabuses of instruction and courses of training for persons seeking registration or enrolment under the Act.

The basic diploma programmes namely: Kenya Registered Nursing (KRN), Kenya Registered Nursing Midwife (KRNM), Kenya Registered Midwifery (KRM); and Kenya Registered Nursing Mental Health and Psychiatry (KRNMHP) were commenced in order to empower nurses to provide health care to patients/clients across the continuum including identification of health problems in the community. The programmes enabled integration of general nursing, midwifery, mental health and community health in order to train nurses who can provide care at the community and all hospital levels.

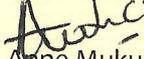
With the ever-increasing demand for improved health care services, nursing profession needs to respond to its expanded roles, advancement in technology, emerging and re-emerging diseases as well as empirical knowledge. In this regard, NCK undertook extensive stakeholders' engagement and there was unanimous consensus that the existing diploma programmes would be harmonized into one comprehensive programme with enhanced competencies. NCK further has commenced the development of the harmonized training documents and will communicate once this process is finalized.

The purpose of this circular is therefore to direct all training institutions to cease any further admissions into the above-mentioned programmes with effect from **1st September 2026**.

Please be guided.

Yours faithfully,

For: Nursing Council of Kenya


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