



# NURSING COUNCIL OF KENYA

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

**RE: MOUNTING OF A HIGHER DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME**

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 one (1) year midwifery Post-RN programme was commenced in order to empower Registered Nurses (RN) to identify health problems in midwifery including community midwifery. The concept required enhancement of midwifery competencies in RNs in order to train nurses who can provide maternal and neonatal care in all hospital levels and in the Community. The enhancement of competencies for RNs will ensure provision of safe, high-quality care to women, newborns, and families.

NCK cognizant of the technological advancement, emerging and re-emerging issues and the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) requirements for midwifery practice, NCK identified the need to enhance the midwife's competencies to facilitate provision of high quality maternal and neonatal care. In this regard, the Council has approved the commencement of a higher diploma in midwifery which will be a two-year programme that will facilitate acquisition of the requisite competencies.

The purpose of this circular is therefore to convey the Council's resolution on: cessation of any further admissions into the one (1) year midwifery Post-RN programme with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2026**; and commencement of a higher national diploma in midwifery.

Please be guided.

Yours faithfully,

**For: Nursing Council of Kenya**

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