

# Office of the Chief Nursing Officer



## NURSE PRACTITIONERS Information Sheet No. 1

### Worker's Compensation

Nurse practitioners are not able to complete medical certificates or forms under the *Worker's Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981*.

Sections 57A and 57B of the *Worker's Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981* requires that the forms and medical certificates must be completed by a medical practitioner.

The *Worker's Compensation and Injury Management Regulations 1982* provide forms for the medical certificates, these forms require that a medical practitioner fills in details of the injuries sustained.

### Motor Vehicle Injury

Nurse practitioners must not conduct an examination as required under section 30 of the *Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Act 1943*.

Pursuant to section 30, the Insurance Commission of WA may require an injured person to be examined by a qualified medical practitioner.

An injured person must give notice of claim for damages before the claim can proceed and section 29 of the *Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Act 1943* sets out the procedure for making a claim due to personal injury. Nurse practitioners may assist the injured party in completing forms that detail a person's injuries relating to their claim.

Copies of the above legislation can be accessed at:  
[www.slp.wa.gov.au](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au).



The *Nurses and Midwives Act 2006* was passed by both Houses of Parliament and received the Royal Assent on 6 October 2006. Please note that the Act is awaiting proclamation and is therefore not operational.

Changes in relation to nurse practitioners include:

- Title protection - a person must not use the title "nurse practitioner" unless the person is a nurse practitioner.
- If the Nurses Board of Western Australia is satisfied that a nurse practitioner has not practiced as a nurse practitioner in the preceding 5 years their registration can be cancelled.
- The Nurses Board of Western Australia may impose as a condition of registration that the nurse practitioner hold professional indemnity insurance.



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