



ANMF representatives on national committees

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) is the largest nursing and midwifery professional and industrial organisation representing the interests of nurses, midwives and assistants in nursing. The ANMF should be consulted on policy matters and be represented on all committees whose deliberations may affect the interest of nurses and midwives.

Nurses and midwives form the largest component of the health care workforce. It is therefore important that they are engaged in the development and implementation of policy decisions that have the potential to impact on the practice of nurses and midwives, and the communities for whom they provide care.

The purpose of representation on national committees is to promote and protect the interests of ANMF members, nursing and midwifery, and the people to whom nurses and midwives provide nursing and midwifery care.

It is the position of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation that:

1. Representatives must be members of the ANMF and will be selected for their:
 - expert knowledge and professional expertise;
 - understanding of the relevant committee's aims and objectives;
 - commitment to ANMF policy.
2. Representatives must be able to represent the policies and views of the ANMF on the particular committee.
3. Representatives agree to be available to prepare for, attend and report on meetings, activities and outcomes of the particular committee/s.
4. Representatives must provide verbal and/or written reports of the activities, progress and outcomes of the particular committee/s on which they sit on behalf of the ANMF. The report/s must be provided to a nominated officer from the ANMF Federal Office.
5. Representatives must consult with the ANMF Federal Office to ensure accurate representation of the Federation's views on issues under discussion by the particular committee/s.
6. If unable to attend a meeting, representatives must consult with the ANMF Federal Office so that a suitable proxy can be appointed.
7. Representatives should advise the ANMF Federal Office of any issues that may be of potential concern to the Federation and ensure that dissenting ANMF views to any decisions taken are recorded in the minutes of a meeting.
8. A nominated officer from the ANMF Federal Office will provide information and support as required, including assisting the representative to determine the objectives of the representation on the particular committee/s, and to review progress and receive reports against the set objectives.



9. The ANMF will liaise with the representative to identify cost reimbursement that may be required as a result of acting on behalf of the Federation.

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