



The ANF is your one stop shop for ...

- \$10m Professional Indemnity Insurance*
- Legal services **
- Industrial advice and representation
- Professional advice and representation
- Monthly journals: OTR, ANJ, AJAN
- Information Line
- WorkCover Top-Up Insurance
- Education and training
- Members Equity Bank home loans
- Financial planning
- Occupational health and safety advice
- WorkCover advice and representation
- ANF Education Centre
- ANF library
- Special interest groups
- House & car insurance
- Discount movie tickets
- Union Shopper

Individual brochures are available for many of these benefits or visit www.anfvc.asn.au for more information

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ANF members have access to a comprehensive range of professional and personal services and benefits.

By joining the ANF, you add your strength and your voice to more than 50,000 other nurses and midwives who are already working together to improve their professional status and working conditions and to safeguard quality patient care.

The value of ANF membership

ANF is the only organisation that represents nurses, midwives & carers industrially and professionally. ANF works tirelessly to improve nurses' and midwives' wages and conditions and their ability to provide high quality care to patients, residents and clients.

ANF has a membership of more than 50,000 nurses and midwives employed in a range of health services including hospitals, aged care facilities, community health centres, maternal and child health clinics, general medical clinics, prisons, the Australian Red Cross Blood Service and the Royal District Nursing Service.

ANF is committed to providing an opportunity for its members to discuss professional issues and conduct research in the pursuit of nursing and midwifery excellence and improved patient outcomes. ANF offers members several scholarships and research grants.

Our strong and unified membership has enabled us to make a real difference to nursing and midwifery in Victoria. Nurse/midwife patient ratios, qualification allowances, ADOs, pay rises, professional development leave, study leave, maternity leave, no-lifting policies, improved occupational health and safety standards and night duty allowances are just some of the conditions that have been achieved for many nurses and midwives because ANF members have worked together to achieve them.

ANF also looks after individual members by providing industrial, professional and legal representation** as well as a range of exclusive benefits. Whether you need help with a problem at work, a quick answer to a query, cheap movie tickets or a home loan, your ANF membership will help you. Just keep this brochure handy so you know who to call. And remember, your ANF membership fees are tax deductible too!

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representing nurses and midwives

ANF industrial, professional and legal advice and representation** is only provided to nurses and midwives who are full financial members of the ANF at the time the incident for which they are seeking assistance occurs.

This policy means nurses and midwives will not be eligible to receive any assistance (including industrial and professional advice and representation) for any incident that occurred before they were a financial ANF member.

This policy enables the ANF to concentrate all its resources on ANF members who remain financial.

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Appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are essential for all practising nurses and midwives.

From 1 July 2010 the Health Practitioners Regulation National Law will impose a specific obligation on Nurses and Midwives not to practice unless appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are in force in relation to their practice. (Section 129). A failure to comply with this obligation will not only expose nurses and midwives in the event of negligence to the potential for uninsured civil liability, but may expose them to a charge of unprofessional conduct.

The Nurses and Midwives Board of Australia professional indemnity insurance arrangements standard, to which the National Law refers, defines professional indemnity insurance arrangements, to mean “arrangements that secure for the practitioner insurance from civil liability” from a claim arising from the negligence of the practitioner.

ANF members’ PI insurance provides professional indemnity cover.* Importantly, in the case of employees the cover operates in the event their employer does not indemnify them from a negligence claim.

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every practising nurse/midwife needs professional indemnity insurance anf members have got it*

Any nurse or midwife ...

- could be wrongfully accused of unprofessional conduct in both administration and clinical roles
- could mistakenly give the wrong drug to a patient
- could fail to accurately carry out all instructions for care in a busy ward
- could be involved in a court case even if only indirectly, or witness an accident
- could make a mistake because of workload stress, insufficient information or any other reason

anf professional indemnity insurance protects anf members

- if you are sued for negligence or malpractice
- If you are sued for damages arising from a public liability claim

who does anf professional indemnity insurance cover?

- financial members of the ANF (Vic Branch) while undertaking their duties as employees
- nurses who work independently providing nursing services so long as they are suitably qualified and practising within their scope
- nurses engaged in alternative or natural therapy, for example acupuncture, aromatherapy, naturopathy, massage and reflexology (but excluding chiropractic or osteopathy)
- members will have insurance cover for a period of five years after their retirement from nursing

what type of cover is included?

- cover for professional indemnity (malpractice) - up to \$10 000 000
- cover for public liability (negligence for injury to a third party, persons, or property) - up to \$10 000 000
- 24 hour insurance cover for Good Samaritan acts

switch to direct debit for 100% protection

Only financial members of the ANF (Victorian Branch) are covered by our Professional Indemnity Insurance.*

This means you must be a member at the time of the incident of concern and your subscription fees must be up to date. The best way to make sure you don’t become unfinancial is to pay your ANF fees by direct debit.

To join the ANF or to switch to direct debit call ANF membership on 03 9275 9313 or regional toll-free 1800 133 353 or go to www.anfvic.asn.au/membership

