Referencing Common Nursing Sources

The following sources are commonly referred to in Nursing units and are expected to be included in many assessment task responses. These examples all follow the APA 7 referencing style.

Source	In-text citation	Reference list
National Safety and Quality Health Standards	**First in-text citation:** (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care [ACSQHC], 2021, Standard 4.7) **Subsequent in-text citations:** (ACSQHC, 2021, Standard 4.7)	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. (2021). *National safety and quality health service standards* (updated 2nd ed.). https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/national-safety-and-quality-health-service-standards-second-edition
Aged care quality standards	(Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, 2019)	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission. (2019). *Consumer dignity and choice: Standard 1.* https://www.agedcarequality.gov.au/for-providers/quality-standards/consumer-dignity-and-choice **Note**: Change the Standard name and number to the one you are referring to.
AHPRA regulatory guide	**First in-text citation**: (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency [AHPRA], 2022) **Subsequent in-text citations**: (AHPRA, 2022)	Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency. (2022). *Regulatory guide*. https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications/Corporate-publications.aspx#:~:text=regulatory%20guide
NMBA Decision Making Framework	**First in-text citation:** (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia [NMBA], 2018) **Subsequent in-text citations:** (NMBA, 2018)	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. (2022). Decision-making framework for nursing and midwifery. https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/Frameworks.aspx
Code of conduct for nurses	**First in-text citation:** (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia [NMBA], 2018, Principle 4.1) **Subsequent in-text citations:** (NMBA, 2018, Principle 3.3)	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. (2018). *Code of conduct for nurses.* https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/codes-guidelines-statements/professional-standards
NMBA Safety and quality guidelines for nurse practitioners	**First in-text citation:** (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia [NMBA], 2024) **Subsequent in-text citations:** (NMBA, 2024)	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. (2024, November). *Safety and quality guidelines for nurse practitioners* (Version 1.3). https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/Codes-Guidelines/Safety-and-quality-guidelines-for-nurse-practitioners.aspx
International code of ethics for nurses	**First in-text citation:** (International Council of Nurses [ICN], 2021) **Subsequent in-text citations:** (ICN, 2021)	International Council of Nurses. (2021). *The ICN code of ethics for nurses.* https://www.icn.ch/resources/publications-and-reports/icn-code-ethics-nurses
Registered nurse practice standards	**First in-text citation:** (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia [NMBA], 2016, Standard 3.2) **Subsequent in-text citations:** (NMBA, 2016, Standard 1.2)	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. (2016). *Registered nurse standards for practice.* https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/Professional-standards/registered-nurse-standards-for-practice.aspx

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Ottawa Charter	**First in-text citation:** (World Health Organisation [WHO], 1986) **Subsequent in-text citations:** (WHO, 1986)	World Health Organisation. (1986). *Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion: First international conference on health promotion Ottawa*, 17-21 November 1986. https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/349652/WHO-EURO-1986-4044-4380361677-eng.pdf?sequence=1
Acts **Note:** *Include the exact section of the act you are referring to, using s as an abbreviation. If there is an official short title, you may use that in the in-text citation instead of the full title.*	Safe Patient Care Act 2015 (Vic) s 14	Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015 (Vic). https://austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/vic/consol_act/spctpamtpra2015597/s20.html?context=1;query=nurse;mask_path=au/legis/vic/consol_act
	Health Practitioner Regulation National Law 2009 (Vic) s 20	Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Act 2009 (Vic). https://content.legislation.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/439b6ffc-60e6-330e-b33b-dea7fdd6507a_09-79aa006%20authorised.pdf
PDF from Victorian Department of Health and Human Services website	**First in-text citation:** (Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS], 2019) **Subsequent citations**: (DHHS, 2019)	Department of Health and Human Services. (2019). Strong carers, stronger children. https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/201910/Strong%20carers%20stronger%20children_1.pdf
Information from Victorian Department of Health website	**First in-text citation:** (Department of Health [DH], 2021) **Subsequent citations:** (DH, 2021)	Department of Health. (2021). It's time to talk about mental health. https://www.vic.gov.au/health/its-time-talk-about-mental-health
eMIMSelite (previously MIMS) **Note:** *MIMS is continuously updated, so n.d. is used as the publication date and a retrieval date is included.*	(MIMS Australia, n.d.)	MIMS Australia. (n.d.). *Tacidine*. eMIMSelite. Retrieved October 23, 2024, from https://app-emimselite-com.ap1.proxy.openathens.net/medicineview?id=7895113f-7eda-4fc5-91e5-a53300fdc9da&type=abbpi
eMIMSelite (previously MIMS) - Multiple references	(MIMS Australia, n.d.-a) (MIMS Australia, n.d.-b)	MIMS Australia. (n.d.-a.). *NovoMix*. eMIMSelite. Retrieved November 10, 2024, from https://app-emimselite-com.ap1.proxy.openathens.net/medicineview?id=9c9d4cc7-4b05-43a9-bd5d-a53300fdaf6e&type=abbpi MIMS Australia. (n.d.-b.). *Sidapiva*. eMIMSelite. Retrieved November 10, 2024, from https://app-emimselite-com.ap1.proxy.openathens.net/medicineview?id=e50a0ada-f097-450e-b5d3-b20500a107fe&type=abbpi

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