



NOTIFICATION – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF 2nd EDITION NABH NURSING EXCELLENCE STANDARDS FOR HOSPITALS

NABH is pleased to announce the introduction of 2nd Edition of the Nursing Excellence Certification Standards, dedicated to the invaluable contributions of nursing professionals. This edition serves as a guiding framework for assessing and advancing nursing services in healthcare organizations. As we navigate through the dynamic landscape of healthcare, this edition stands as a testament to the continuous commitment of NABH towards elevating the quality and safety of healthcare services in our nation. The 2nd edition of NABH Nursing Excellence Standards for Hospitals is a valuable resource for healthcare organizations committed to providing safe, effective, and patient-centered care. Keeping this in mind, Nursing excellence standards have been framed with a view to lay down the guidelines for evaluating the nursing services being provided by a Health Care Organization.

The 2nd edition of NABH Nursing Excellence standards for Hospitals has been released on September 17, 2025, during the NABH Patient Safety Conference (NPSC) in New Delhi. The new edition will be effective from April 01, 2026. The Standards will be available for download from March 01, 2026 onwards.

This is a two-year certification programme, applicable to hospitals that are duly accredited or certified by NABH.

All applicants and Certified Hospital are required to follow the Implementation and Migration Plan as per the following protocol:

S.No.	Hospital Certification Stages	Applicable Edition		
		FA	RA	Certification Cycle Validity
1	New Applications w.e.f. 1 st April 2026	2 nd	Not applicable	2 Years
2	New Applications with application fee paid till 31 st March 2026. (option will be given to the hospital to opt for 1 st edition / 2 nd edition)	Optional (1 st /2 nd)	Not applicable	2 Years
3	Re-accreditation applied before 31 st March 2026 (i.e. six months prior to expiry of validity)	Not applicable	Optional (1 st /2 nd)	2 Years
4	Re-accreditation applied after 31 st March 2026 (i.e. six months prior to the expiry of validity)	Not applicable	2 nd	2 Years



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NABH will start conducting assessments as per 2nd edition of Standard from April 1st, 2026 onwards. Any Hospital which wishes to undergo assessment (RA, as per due activity of certification cycle of that hospital) may opt for the same.

However, no fresh or renewal application will be accepted as per 1st Edition Standard after 31st March, 2026 (Please refer S.no.1 and 4).

NABH is also pleased to announce the commencement of the Role-Based Induction Programme for nurses employed in healthcare organizations. The programme is designed to strengthen foundational competencies by providing structured orientation, clarity of roles and responsibilities, and alignment with quality and patient-safety standards. It enables newly joined nurses to understand their professional duties, adhere to clinical protocols, maintain accurate documentation, follow robust infection control practices, and communicate effectively with patients. The programme further emphasizes the importance of reporting concerns through appropriate channels to uphold professional integrity, accountability, and patient safety. You can join the programme via the following link: <https://nabh.co/training-for-healthcare-providers/>.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

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