



# Newsletter

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## **Nursing unit assistant benchmark now available**

The negotiated language for the new nursing unit assistant benchmark has now been finalized.

The new Nursing Unit Assistant benchmark acknowledges the role these health professionals play in prioritizing and coordinating the activities of the nursing unit.

The benchmark more clearly identifies the functions carried out by Nursing Unit Assistants in providing communications links and collaborating with other departments and facilities and with a variety of members of the health care team.

The rate of pay on the benchmark is blank. The pay rate remains at the R9 level until a new pay rate can be agreed to by the parties.

The union is pushing for a rate of pay to match the responsibilities contained in the new benchmark. That will be on the agenda of future meetings with health employers.

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