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**INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH  
WALES NURSING HOMES**

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I work as an RN in an aged care facility and I strongly believe that RNs are required 24 hrs a day. Residents are high care with complex comorbidities, palliative medications, chemotherapy, peg feeds, renal peritoneal dialysis, which can all have issues which only an RN can rectify. GPs expect an RN to be take phone orders, attend rounds, pathology, catheterisations, complex wound care and the complex requirements with family requests. An RN has learnt skills which are not only clinical but they can be a counsellor, advisor, an educator and are able to ascertain when skill mixes need to be reviewed as a lot of care staff have limited experience, are of different cultures. RN s after hours and weekends are also responsible for other departments, not just care staff eg laundry, catering, lifestyle, and an AIN and EEN will have difficulty adjusting to this .