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## Situation analysis of regulatory framework for professional nursing in low-middle income countries Southeast Asia

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**Objectives:** To clarify current situation and analyze regulatory framework for professional nursing in low-middle income countries Southeast Asia.

**Design:** This study used a cross-sectional descriptive design. A semi-structured interview was conducted. The participants were national nursing leaders; administrative nursing officers and executive board members of nursing association and or nursing council if the organization exists from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.

**Findings:** Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam plan to establish licensing system aiming for ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements on Nursing Services by 2015. These three countries developed legal basis in last decade rapidly. Vietnam enacts the Law in 2010 and started to issue license for nurses from 2013. Cambodia and Lao PDR advanced the preparation for licensing with Law. Myanmar has established regulatory framework since 1920's. Licensure with renewal has implemented from 1995. The renewal does not have specific requirements. The Licensing Body is the Nurses and Midwives Council, however, the Ministry of Health has the power to suspend and revoke the issued license.

**Conclusions:** The ASEAN Economic Community accelerates to establish licensing system for nursing in low-middle income countries Southeast Asia. Next step is functional activities of regulatory framework to nursing professional practice.

### Biography

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