

HESTA Australian Nursing Awards
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Final call to nominate Australia's best nurse

Nominations for the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards are closing soon

Time is running out for Australians to nominate their best nurses in the prestigious 2012 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards as nominations reach the final days.

Final nominations for the sixth annual awards recognising exceptional nurses, midwives, personal care attendants and assistants in nursing are being taken at hestaawards.com

HESTA CEO Anne-Marie Corboy said the awards were a great opportunity for grateful patients, families and colleagues across the nation to acknowledge outstanding nursing professionals.

"We are calling on every Australian to nominate before Wednesday 29 February when nominations close," Ms Corboy said.

"Despite constantly facing challenging circumstances, our dedicated Australian nursing professionals continue to provide exceptional patient service in a professional manner. They truly deserve recognition and for that reason, I ask you to get online and nominate before it is too late."

Winners of each category — who will share in the \$30,000 prize pool provided by ME Bank — will be chosen by our judging panel of leading nurses, academic and industry professionals.

"Since the program started six years ago we have continued to receive outstanding nominations and we are excited to hear more stories about nurses exceeding expectations."

Any member of the public can nominate for Nurse of the Year. Graduate Nurse of the Year nominations must come from Graduate Nurse Coordinators and groundbreaking nurses and nursing teams are encouraged to apply for the Innovation in Nursing award .

The 2012 prizes, provided by long-term awards supporter ME Bank, are:

- Nurse of the Year - \$5,000 ME Bank *EveryDay* Transaction account and \$5,000 education grant,
- Innovation in Nursing - \$10,000 development grant, and
- Graduate Nurse of the Year - \$5,000 ME Bank *EveryDay* Transaction account and \$5,000 education grant.

Every nominator will receive a certificate to present to the nurse they nominated to ensure both know their work is appreciated.

Finalists will be announced in April, with interstate finalists flown to Melbourne for the awards ceremony on Thursday 10 May where the winners will be revealed.

To make a nomination or learn more about the awards visit hestaawards.com

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