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## **Last chance to nominate Australia's best nurses**

Australians have just one week to nominate the nation's best and most innovative nurses.

Nominations for the prestigious, national HESTA Australian Nursing Awards close on 28 February 2011.

"If you know a remarkable nurse, or of a nurse-led innovation in your community, make a nomination online today," HESTA CEO, Anne-Marie Corboy, said.

Outstanding nurses, midwives, personal care attendants and assistant nurses can be nominated at **hestanursingawards.com**

There are three categories that will share in the \$25,000 prize pool, provided by ME Bank:

- Nurse of the Year – \$10,000 in education and travel grants;
- Innovation in Nursing – \$10,000 grant to develop their service or program; and
- Graduate Nurse of the Year – \$5,000 in education and travel grants.

Ms Corboy said the Awards were designed to shine a light on the life-saving and inspiring work of Australian nurses.

"Nurses don't go looking for glory. But the role they play in our communities is incredibly important."

"The Awards play an important role in rewarding the skills, commitment and contribution of Australia's top nurses."

Any member of the community can make a nomination in the Nurse of the Year category, including patients, families of patients, colleagues and employers.

Nursing teams and individuals are invited to self-nominate in the Innovation in Nursing category. Graduate Nurse Coordinators may nominate their most promising graduates for Graduate Nurse of the Year.

Each nurse nominated for an award will receive a certificate of congratulations from their nominee.

Finalists will be announced in April. Contenders will be flown to Melbourne for the gala awards ceremony on 12 May – which coincides with Florence Nightingale's birthday.

HESTA is one of Australia's largest superannuation funds with more than 700,000 members. It is chosen by more people, working in the health and community services sector, than any other fund.

Visit **hestanursingawards.com** to make a nomination or learn more about the awards.

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