Aged Care Nursing Scholarships: Nurse Re-entry

Overview
Aged Care Nursing Scholarships: Nurse Re-entry is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and administered by the Australian College of Nursing (ACN). It is an initiative supporting former nurses who wish to undertake re-entry studies in order to return to nursing in the aged care sector.

Application dates
Applications are now closed, notification of the outcome of your application is expected in late June 2014.

Value of a scholarship
Applicants can receive up to a maximum of $6,000 to complete a re-entry course.

Funding will not be available for activities undertaken outside Australia. These scholarships are not bonded.

Eligibility criteria
To be eligible to apply for a nurse re-entry scholarship applicants must be:

- an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- intending to participate in re-entry studies that will lead to re-registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)
- a former registered or enrolled nurse whose NMBA registration has lapsed
- intending to work in aged care at the completion of their studies.

Please note applicants already receiving a scholarship funded by the Australian Government and administered by ACN are ineligible.

In order to enrol in an accredited nurse re-entry course you must be eligible to re-register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

If you are unsure of your eligibility to re-register, please contact the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia on 1300 419 495.

If you are a New Zealand citizen, please click here to determine your eligibility for this scholarship.

Eligible courses
Scholarships will be awarded for nurse re-entry courses accredited by NMBA. Courses may be provided by Australian universities, TAFEs, registered training organisations or other providers within Australia. Click here to locate accredited nurse re-entry courses.

This application is only to apply for a scholarship and is not an application to an educational or training institution. You must apply directly to an education or training institution for entry into a study program.

Selection Criteria
These are competitive scholarships and will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee whose assessment will be based on how you address the following question:

- Describe how you plan to contribute to the aged care sector once you have re-registered.

Contact ACN
Email: scholarships@acn.edu.au
Freecall: 1800 116 696 (charges may apply)
Important links

- Click here to locate accredited nurse re-entry courses
- Click here for information on how these scholarship payments may affect Centrelink payments.
- Click here for more information on re-registration requirements.
- Click here for more information on the taxation implications.