



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

**POSTGRADUATE COMMUNITY AGED CARE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME**

We wish to draw your attention to the Postgraduate Community Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme (PCACNSS).

**The Postgraduate Community Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme** is an initiative funded by the Australian Government to encourage more people to enter (or re-enter) the community aged care sector, as well as to increase the skills of nurses already working in the sector.

The scheme opened on **Saturday 6 September 2008** and will be closing on **Friday 24 October 2008**.

Scholarships are available to registered (division 1) nurses with a current practicing certificate and a demonstrated history of working in the community aged care sector. Applicants must be undertaking or wish to undertake further professional development in 2008 or in 2009 that is directly relevant to their nursing employment in the community aged care sector.

These scholarships provide financial assistance for educational study programs or courses, including relevant accredited tertiary level or TAFE level courses, workshops and conference participation within Australia.

**Applicants may apply for more than one professional development activity (or part thereof) provided it was or will be undertaken in 2008 and/or 2009.**

The value of the scholarship for a postgraduate nursing activity is dependant on the level of study undertaken:

- **Postgraduate Tertiary Study:** up to a maximum of \$10,000 for one year (twelve months) only,
- **Short Course/ Workshop:** up to a maximum of \$5,000 per short course/workshop and
- **Conference attendance/delegate:** up to a maximum of \$3,000 per conference.

Scholarships are not awarded on academic success; rather it is hoped that recipients will make a significant contribution to community aged care.

An Application and Guideline Form is available to download from Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) website: [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au). For further information please contact the Fund Administrator on the freecall number 1800 551 201 or email [scholarships@rcna.org.au](mailto:scholarships@rcna.org.au).

