

Allied Health 2026 Excellence Awards

Nomination Guidelines for the Consumer Recognition category

Introduction

You are invited to nominate an individual or team for a Consumer Recognition award. This is an opportunity for patients and health consumers to recognise an allied health professional, assistant or team who have consistently provided extraordinary, safe, quality and compassionate care to them and/or their families.

The allied health professional, assistant or team must demonstrate a commitment to building connection with patients, health consumers and their families through trust, kindness and empowerment.

Nominations may be made by a patient, health consumer, friend or family member of the patient or health consumer.

Before you start

Before you begin make sure you have the correct full name(s), email address and workplace of the allied health professional, assistant or team. If these details are incorrect your nomination may not be accepted.

How to nominate

1. Go to the [ACT Allied Health Excellence Awards website](#).
2. Complete the nomination form to explain why you are nominating the allied health professional, assistant or team.
3. Submit your nomination before **5pm on Friday 14 August 2026**.

Nomination criteria

- Nominations must respond to the following criteria:
 - **What** did the allied health professional, assistant or team do that you think **was exceptional**?
 - How did the care **improve your health or comfort**, or that of the patient or health consumer?
 - How did the care **support the wellbeing** of you and your family, or that of the patient or health consumer?
- Do not just state that the nominee is excellent; prove it! You must support all claims with **specific and detailed examples** demonstrating the nominee's excellence.
- Responses must be a minimum of 200 and maximum of 500 words.
- A date or period when care was provided must be included.

Review process

- A review panel of senior allied health professionals and leaders, and consumer representatives will consider the evidence of excellence for all nominations.
- The selection process is confidential and final.

Terms and conditions

- Nominators must complete and submit a nomination form before the closing date.
- A confirmation email will be sent to the nominator to confirm their nomination has been received.
- Incomplete and late nominations will not be considered.
- Multiple nominations require a separate form for each nomination.
- Nominees must be currently working as an allied health professional or assistant in the ACT. They can be working in the public, private, and/or not-for-profit sector.
- Nominees must not be subject to a professional practice notification, restriction/limitation to practice, under investigation, or disciplinary process.
 - Registered professionals will be checked with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.
 - Self-regulated professionals or assistants will be checked with relevant professional associations.
 - Work performance of government employed nominees will be checked with their supervisor or line manager.

If a nominee is subsequently found to be subject to any of these conditions, their nomination will be withdrawn.

- Recipients of a Consumer Recognition award will be publicly announced at the ACT Allied Health Excellence Awards presentation in October.
- Recipients of a Consumer Recognition award may be invited to speak with the media and/or other organisations about their recognition. The ACT Government reserves the right to use any media/photos/articles for promotion purposes or publications.
- All nominees will be advised of the person who nominated them unless you state you would like to remain anonymous.
- Feedback will not be provided to nominators or nominees.
- Personal information provided about nominees and nominators will only be used for the purposes of assessing and judging of nominations in the ACT Allied Health Excellence Awards.

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