



Australia Awards



PNGAus Partnership
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Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships

Intake 2027 – Diploma in General Nursing



Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships help Papua New Guineans gain tertiary qualifications in key areas identified by the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia. These scholarships are offered through selected institutions in PNG.

Nurses are crucial in strengthening healthcare services across Papua New Guinea. Through their training and dedication, they help deliver quality care in hospitals, clinics, and communities.

Australia Awards welcomes applications from all eligible candidates and particularly encourages women, people with disabilities, and individuals from rural and remote communities to apply. Australia Awards is committed to equitable access and participation and will support reasonable adjustments for applicants and scholars with disability.

The Government of Australia in partnership with the Government of Papua New Guinea will offer scholarships to Grade 12 school leavers and current non-school leavers to undertake a three-year Diploma in General Nursing in 2027 at the following institutions:

- Lae School of Nursing
- Lutheran School of Nursing.

This scholarship is for study in Papua New Guinea only (not Australia).

Application process

Applicants must apply through the DHERST National Online Application System (NOAS):
apply.dherst.gov.pg/Apply/Account/Login

For details on NOAS, contact:
noassupport@dherst.gov.pg
or call: 3017019, 3012082, 3012008.

Applications close: 5pm, Tuesday 1 December 2026

www.australiaawardspng.org



Scholarship benefits

The scholarship provides a comprehensive package, including:

- mobilisation and demobilisation travel within PNG
- a nursing medical kit
- reunion travel during the Christmas period
- full tuition fees and on-campus accommodation (where applicable)
- one-off establishment allowance
- contribution to fortnightly living allowance
- contribution to medical expenses
- on-award enrichment programs, including support to transition into the workforce
- one-year associate membership of the PNG Australia Alumni Association upon graduation.

Conditions of Award

Successful applicants must:

- be accepted into full-time study at the institution listed in your scholarship offer
- sign a contract agreeing to the terms and conditions of the scholarship
- if required, reside on-campus without family members (unaccompanied)
- fulfill all other conditions in the scholarship agreement.

For further information about the scholarship

Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships

Email: incountry@australiaawardspng.org

Telephone: 3211 766 / 207 2888

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For further information about course and institution requirements

Lae School of Nursing

Ms Merolyn Marava, Registrar

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Telephone: 4726 101 or 4726 104

Lutheran School of Nursing

Mrs Esther Suaimbau, Registrar

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Important Notice – Fraud and Misrepresentation

The Australian Government has a zero-tolerance approach to fraud.

All application documents will be verified. Applicants found to have submitted fraudulent or misleading information will:

- be excluded from consideration
- be ineligible for future Australia Awards
- have their scholarship terminated if fraud is detected after a scholarship is awarded.