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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker's recognised for excellence

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The Northern Territories best and brightest Health Workers and Practitioner's have the chance for their efforts and work to be recognised, with nominations opening for the 2022 Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Practitioner Excellence Awards.

The awards are held annually to recognise and acknowledge the significant contribution Aboriginal health workers and practitioners make to their families, communities and the healthcare system across the Northern Territory.

These awards acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by our highly valued Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners workforces within the previous 12 months.

They provide an opportunity for workers with a range of experience to be recognised, with all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners employed across the Northern Territory are eligible for nomination.

NT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying qualifications from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Training Package are eligible for nomination in the Student Award category.

The awards will be held at a gala dinner in Alice Springs on 16 September 2022.

Nominations are open from Tuesday 26 April 2022 to Sunday 19 June 2022. To submit a nomination, visit the awards webpage [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Practitioner Excellence Awards - Department of Health](#), or contact Aboriginal Workforce Development on atsihpexcellenceawards.doh@nt.gov.au or (08) 89227 278.

Quotes Attributable to Health Minister Natasha Fyles

“All our Health Workers, including our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and practitioners, work tirelessly to keep Territorians safe and healthy in times of need.

“As Health minister I am very proud of all our health workers and their actions and achievements in the field, and look forward to seeing their work and efforts recognised through these awards.

“The awards also recognise the efforts of Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying qualifications from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Training Package, who will become our future workforce and emerging leaders.

“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners play a vital role in providing culturally safe and respectful health care services across the NT to Aboriginal clients in urban, regional and remote areas.

“They are often the first point of contact for people seeking health services, and provide a conduit between traditional health and western medical services.”

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