



# The Hon Jillian Skinner MP

## Minister for Health Minister for Medical Research

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#### RECORD NUMBERS OF NEW GRADUATE NURSES

The Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, today welcomed the first of a record 2,163 new graduate nurses and midwives who have been offered positions in 102 hospitals across the state this year.

Western Sydney will benefit from 581 new nurses, while 593 graduates have decided to work at hospitals throughout rural and regional NSW.

“Our hard working nurses and midwives are central to the strength of our public health system and I am pleased to announce today’s record number of positions,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The NSW Government is committed to boosting our nursing workforce which is why we have allocated 2,163 new graduate nurse positions - 500 more than last year.

HOSPITAL	NEW NURSE GRADUATES
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital	165
Liverpool Hospital	132
Royal North Shore Hospital	120
Westmead Hospital	116
Concord Repatriation General Hospital	103
Newcastle (John Hunter Hospital & Children’s Hospital, Belmont, Royal Newcastle)	101
St George Hospital	97
Prince of Wales Hospital	94
Nepean Hospital	81
St Vincent’s Public Hospital	77

“It’s particularly pleasing that so many new registered nurses, who have graduated from our universities, have chosen to work in regional and rural areas,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The Hunter region (John Hunter Hospital and Children’s Hospital, Royal Newcastle, Belmont, Maitland and Calvary Mater hospitals) will receive 132 new nurses, the

Central Coast (Gosford, Wyong and Woy Woy hospitals) has 80 nurses spread among their three hospitals, and 65 new graduates will join Wollongong Hospital.”

Mrs Skinner said NSW had more than 44,000 registered and enrolled nurses, working in our busy hospitals, community services and health clinics.

“Nurses and midwives are a vital part of the health system, delivering a high level of care in a range of situations which are often challenging, such as palliative and chronic care, mental health and acute care,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The new nursing and midwifery positions will provide opportunities for talented young health professionals to learn and grow as well as strengthening our health system.”

While the new graduates will start in most hospitals over the coming weeks, specific start dates will be determined by Local Health Districts.