

Dietitians Australia National Conference 2027 Submission Guidelines

1. Overview

Dietitians Australia and the Dietitians Australia National Conference 2027 Working Group invite the abstract submissions for consideration in the conference scientific program.

The Conference will be held from Friday, 13 August until Sunday, 15 August 2027 in Sydney/Gadigal.

Submissions about research, quality improvement, quality assurance and innovations are encouraged from across all areas of nutrition and dietetic practice.

As you prepare your submission, please reflect on how it aligns with the conference theme “***Evolve: Dietetics for a Changing World***” and sub-themes “***Enable, Empower, Elevate***”.

These themes align with the Dietitians Australia 10-Year Strategic Direction, particularly the 4 Strategic Direction pillars of Enable, Empower, Elevate, and Embed. More information can be found here: [Dietitians Australia 10-Year Strategic Direction](#)

1.1 Key Dates

Activity	Date
Call for papers opens	Friday 30 October 2026
Call for papers closes	Sunday 7 February 2027
Reviewing period	22 February to 21 March 2027
Author notification	30 April 2027
Early bird registration opens	March 2027
Early bird registration closes	16 May 2027
Dietitians Australia National Conference 2027	Friday 13 August to Sunday 15 August 2027

1.2 Important information

- Presenters may submit a maximum of two (2) unique submissions.
- Presenters will be allocated a maximum of one (1) oral presentation.
- Allocation of presentation format will be based on peer review outcomes, author preference and conference program requirements.
- Presenting authors must register and attend the conference in person.

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2. Abstract types

There are two submission categories to choose from:

1. Research and quality activities
2. Practice innovations

2.1 Research and quality activity abstracts

Research and quality activity abstracts report on scholarly, evaluative or quality-focused work that uses a defined methodology and generates findings. Submissions may include original research, literature reviews, methodological studies, case presentations, service evaluations, quality improvement initiatives and quality assurance activities.

2.1.1 Structure

Abstracts must be structured using the following headings:

- Background
- Aims
- Methods/processes
- Results/outcomes
- Conclusions/future directions

2.2 Practice innovation abstracts

Practice innovations are submissions that share real-world knowledge gained through innovation, service development, education, leadership, policy, research or practice. These submissions do not use formal research methodologies. They demonstrate innovation, implementation, evaluation, reflection or lessons learned that are relevant to nutrition and dietetics practice.

2.2.1 Structure

- Background
- Aims
- Innovation
- Outcomes/anticipated outcomes
- Conclusions/future directions

2.3 Formatting Requirements

For all abstract types:

- Maximum 250 words
- Full sentences must be used
- Do not include abbreviations
- Do not include references
- Do not include tables, figures or images

- Do not include author names, organisations or identifying information within the abstract text
- Use the required headings listed above

3. Presentation types

The following section explains each presentation type in more detail.

3.1 Oral presentation

Oral presentations are delivered as part of a themed conference session.

Key features

- Presentations will be grouped with others of a similar topic area.
- Only one (1) presenter is permitted per presentation.
- Presenters must attend and present in person.
- Length of presentation and question time will be advised to successful presenters following author notification.

3.2 Poster

Posters provide an opportunity to showcase and discuss work in a visual format.

Key features

- Only one (1) presenter is permitted per poster.
- Posters will be displayed in a dedicated poster area.
- Poster presenters are responsible for printing and transporting their posters to the conference.
- Poster format, dimensions and display requirements will be provided to successful presenters following author notification.
- Presenters may be invited to attend a designated poster session to discuss their work with delegates.

4. Submission process

Please read the following information on how to use the online abstract submission form to submit, edit or withdraw an abstract.

Abstract submissions will only be accepted via the online portal.

4.1 Before you submit

We **strongly recommend** that the person submitting the abstract is the presenting author. Email communications will only be sent to the submitting author. If the submitting author is not the presenting author, it is the responsibility of the submitting author to pass on any communications to the presenting author.

You will be able to save a draft of your submission. However, once you have **saved and finalised** your submission, you will be unable to make further edits.

Step 1. Log in to the abstract portal

You will be required to log into the abstract portal to submit your abstract. Your login details (username and password) will be the same as the ones you use to log into the Dietitians Australia member portal.

If you are not a member, you will be asked to [create a free Dietitians Australia](#) account before submitting an abstract.

Step 2. Complete the submission form

The submission form consists of five (5) pages, each containing groups of questions about your abstract. A red asterisk will mark mandatory questions and must be completed to finalise your submission.

Each page of the form is explained in more detail below.

Page 1: Title and key information

On this page you will be asked to:

- Nominate your abstract type
- Enter the title (80 characters max). The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to indicate clearly the nature of the abstract. If accepted, this title will be used in the final program.
- Select the content area most relevant to your abstract
- Select the methodology used (optional or only for research and quality activities)
- Select preferred presentation type

Page 2: Author details

On this page you will be asked to:

- Confirm your first name, last name, email address, member type, and member status. Please note that this information is linked directly to your Dietitians Australia membership account. You will be unable to edit the information in these lines within the submission form. If you need to make changes to this information, please do so within your Dietitians Australia membership account before completing the submission form. If you need support with changing the details in your membership account, please get in touch with the Dietitians Australia membership team via info@dietitiansaustralia.org.au
- Enter your affiliation details (50 characters max)
- Indicate the presenting author
- Enter co-author details (first name, last name, affiliation, presenting author indication). Enter co-authors in the order that you wish for them to appear.
- Enter a short bio for the presenting author (50 words max).

Page 3: Submission details

On this page you will be asked to read all question prompts carefully and complete the required fields to outline the content text of your submission. The specific prompts you see on this page will differ depending on your selected abstract type.

Important information

- **Do not include** author names, institution, or other identifiers in your text, as all abstracts will be blind reviewed.
- **Do not use** tables or figures.
- **Do not include references**
- **Do not repeat the title** of the submission within any other field.
- **Add that you want the subheadings (listed above) to be included. (i.e. structured abstract).**

Page 4: Additional Questions

On this page you will be asked to complete the mandatory fields to support your submission further:

- Nomination for an award
- Application to practice (50 words max)
- Relation to conference theme or sub-themes (50 words max)
- Pertinence to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
 - If you select 'yes' to the question 'Does this topic pertain to First Nations communities' you will then be asked to complete the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Quality Appraisal Tool](#). Further information and instruction about completing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Quality Appraisal Tool (QAT) will be made available within the submission form. Answers to the QAT include tick boxes and open field responses. This process, developed in collaboration with the Dietitians Australia Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group, aims to support the quality and inclusivity of First Nations-related research. If you require further support to complete this, please contact the Dietitians Australia Education Team at education@dietitiansaustralia.org.au
- Contribution to more equitable, inclusive, accessible or person-centred nutrition and dietetic practice (Optional, 100 words max)

Page 5: Agreements

On this page you will be asked to acknowledge relevant agreements and disclosures.

The first agreement will ask you to agree to the conditions outlined in the Submission Guidelines. In addition to the specifications already covered, this agreement refers to the following statements.

- By submitting this abstract, I attest that the completed information is accurate.
- I have disclosed all relevant financial relationships to Dietitians Australia and understand that this information will be provided to the participants of the activity.
- My presentation will promote quality or improvements in nutrition and dietetics and will not promote specific proprietary business or a commercial interest. Content for this activity will be well-balanced, evidence-based and unbiased.
- I have not, nor will I, accept any honoraria or additional payments or reimbursement beyond that provided through Dietitians Australia.

- If I am discussing specific products or services, I will use generic names to the extent possible. I will use trade names from several companies when available, not a one single company.
- If I have been trained or utilised by a commercial entity or its agency as a speaker for any commercial interest, the promotional aspects for that presentation will not be included in any way with this activity.
- If I am presenting research funded by a commercial company, the information presented will be based on generally accepted principles and methods. It will not promote the commercial interest of the funding company.
- My submission adheres to [Wiley's AI policy](#) on the responsible use and transparent disclosure of the use of artificial intelligence technologies as part of the research and in manuscript preparation.
- I have read this form, and I intend to be compliant with the letter and values of Dietitians Australia.

Please note: If your submission is selected for the program, Dietitians Australia may use your presentation slides and videos and/or photos taken of you during your presentation to send to conference delegates. Dietitians Australia may also publish this information on the Dietitians Australia and conference websites, or in other promotional materials.

Step 3. Submit the abstract

When you are satisfied with the details that you have entered, click the “Save and finalise” button at the bottom of the page. This will officially submit your abstract, and you will be unable to make further edits.

4.2 Confirmation

A confirmation email will be sent to the submitting author only (co-authors will not receive a separate notification). If you do NOT receive a confirmation email, email the Dietitians Australia Education Team via education@dietitiansaustralia.org.au

4.3 Submitting multiple abstracts

To submit multiple abstracts, use the same email address and password, then follow the steps as above.

4.4 Editing an abstract

If you have not yet clicked “save and finalise” on your submission, you will be able to log into the abstract portal and edit your submission form. Edits can be made using this option until the call for submissions closes at midnight AEDT on **7 February 2027**. For your submission to count, you must “save and finalise” your submission before midnight on **7 February 2027**.

Once you have clicked “save and finalise”, you will be unable to make further edits to your submission. Requests for edits to a submission after finalisation must be made in writing to the Dietitians Australia Education Team via education@dietitiansaustralia.org.au before **2pm AEDT on 5 February 2027**.

4.5 Notification

The person who submitted the abstract will receive notification of the outcome in late April 2027. If your submission is accepted, the notification will contain details about your allocated presentation type and further information about registering for the event.

Presenters **MUST** register and pay to attend the conference in person before **4 July 2027** or risk being withdrawn from the program.

4.6 Withdrawals

Withdrawals must be communicated in writing by the submitting author to the Dietitians Australia Education Team via education@dietitiansaustralia.org.au

In doing so, the Education team and Working Group assume that all authors/presenters have been informed of the withdrawal. Once an abstract is withdrawn, it may not be reinstated.

4.7 Deferrals

All submissions received will be eligible only for acceptance and presentation at the Dietitians Australia National Conference 2027. Submissions may not be deferred to future Dietitians Australia summits or conferences.

5. Publication, copyright and conditions:

If accepted, abstracts may be published in:

- Conference program
- Conference app
- Conference website
- Nutrition & Dietetics Journal supplement

Abstracts and speaker biographies may be edited according to Dietitians Australia style guidelines.

Copyright remains with the author(s). Authors are responsible for ensuring compliance with any existing copyright agreements where content has previously been published or presented.

6. Contact

For any enquiries regarding the Dietitians Australia National Conference 2027 call for submissions process, please contact the Dietitians Australia Education Centre Team via the contact details below.

Email: education@dietitiansaustralia.org.au