

# PATY 2020

PHARMACY ASSISTANT  
OF THE YEAR



## Media Release

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### Benjamin King announced as Australia's top pharmacy assistant of 2020

Benjamin King from Alice Springs Pharmacy in Northern Territory has been recognised as Australia's outstanding pharmacy assistant of 2020 after being awarded the Pharmacy Guild of Australia/Maxigesic Pharmacy Assistant of the Year Award (PATY).

PATY recognises outstanding pharmacy assistants' skills, knowledge, leadership and customer service across a 12-month period.

Benjamin was selected from over 460 nominated pharmacy assistants and eight state winners, with the prize awarded following a virtual national judging day on Friday.

Benjamin stated "I am so happy I could bring it home for the Northern Territory. A huge congratulations to all the other contestants – I am incredibly thankful I got to meet them."

The competition judges commended Benjamin for his positive attitude and commitment to ongoing training and development. The judges were particularly impressed with Benjamin's enthusiasm and passion towards the pharmacy industry and his dedication to his role as a pharmacy assistant.

"Without my customers I would be out of a job – the people of Alice Springs are the heart of Australia," Benjamin said.

"A big thank you to my team at work who have been supportive and helpful in preparing me."

Benjamin takes home over \$10,000 in prizes including cash, a training package, educational opportunities and other great rewards.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia National President, George Tambassis congratulated Benjamin for his valuable contribution to community pharmacy in Australia.

"Benjamin has been recognised as always going the extra mile with customers and staff members, which is critical to the future success of the pharmacy industry as our range of services to the public continues to grow," Mr Tambassis said.

"The calibre of PATY nominees this year has been extremely high, and each PATY finalist has displayed a strong commitment to their work and the industry in what has been a very challenging year for everyone in Australia."

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Calvin MacKenzie, General Manager of AFT Pharmaceuticals, the award's major sponsor, also congratulated Benjamin on his achievement.

"While the quality of award candidates was once again extremely high, Benjamin was the stand-out pharmacy assistant in the award competition this year," Mr MacKenzie said.

"I congratulate all eight State Winners for standing out as their state's top pharmacy assistants who are driving the industry forward."

"AFT Pharmaceuticals is very honoured to support PATY and to ensure that the industry is recognising excellence in the frontline of pharmacy."

In addition, Amber Greenwood from South Australia was named the National Glucojel Super Star Award winner. Managed as a subsidiary award within the National Pharmacy Assistant of the Year Award (PATY), the Glucojel Super Star Award recognises outstanding customer service amongst the top PATY State Finalists.

As part of this year's award, AFT Pharmaceuticals and Maxigesic has created a complimentary education module called "Pharmacy assistants' role in pain management" which can be accessed by signing up at <http://pharmacyassistants.com/education/>.

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