



Australian Training Initiative Award

Award Criteria

The Australian Training Initiative Award will recognise an innovative and/or leading practice initiative, program or product developed and implemented for the purpose of providing high quality vocational education and training.

Eligibility

This award category is open to organisations of all sizes from the public or private sector.

The nominated initiative, program or product must:

- demonstrate an innovative approach and excellence in implementation beyond what is required in the Australian Quality Training Framework

AND

- be the winner of an equivalent state or territory training award in 2010. The nominees may be one or more organisation(s) of any size.

*The 2010 state/territory winners of this category can nominate for the Australian Training Awards. The **original application** from winners of this category addressing the award criteria below and submitted through the state/territory training awards process will be used.*

*Applications to the state/territory training awards process are to be in 12 pt font and a **maximum of 20 A4 pages** (including attachments).*

Preparing your application

Section A: Overview

Provide an overview of the training* initiative, program or product including its objectives, the circumstances that led to its creation and development, a description of the environment in which it operates and specific challenges which may have had to be overcome to implement the training.

Section B: Applicants will be judged against the following criteria:

Criterion 1: Excellence and innovation

Criterion 2: Client focus

Criterion 3: Impact of the training initiative

Criterion 4: Sustainability of the initiative

Addressing the criteria

When developing your application against the award criteria, you may wish to take into account some of the considerations outlined below, if they are relevant to your organisation. These suggestions are ***not***

* denotes nationally recognised training, ie training which is based on a National Training Package or Accredited Course and results in a formal qualification or Statement of Attainment by a Registered Training Organisation. This includes Australian Apprenticeships.

additional criteria, but are provided to give clarification of what may be relevant to include when writing against the award criteria.

Please use specific examples demonstrating excellence and innovation in developing the application.

Excellence and innovation

Consider:

- details of the training initiative, including any unique and/or innovative aspects
- ways in which the initiative succeeds where perhaps other similar initiatives have failed
- results for learners and business, including unexpected results, or results having industry-wide/community-wide significance
- implementation of Information Communication Technology, eg, e-learning.

Client focus

Consider:

- flexibility offered to learners in accessing qualification pathways
- how the initiative caters for all students including those with special needs, such as indigenous students, students with disabilities, students from a non-English speaking background, students in remote areas, gifted and talented students;
- any strategies in place to encourage participation by all students and support from parents and the wider school community
- systems and processes for collecting information on client needs and satisfaction
- demonstrated recognition and/or acknowledgement from clients and industry peers.

Impact of the training initiative

Consider:

- the initiative's contribution to the improvement of the national training system
- operational improvements resulting from the initiative in an enterprise, industry, community service or other organisation or sector
- contribution through the initiative to building new or stronger relationships with other providers, organisations or industries.

Sustainability

Consider:

- systems and processes for continuous improvement, including evaluation and review
- capacity for further development or broader application, or replication at other sites
- any plans in place to ensure long term sustainability.