



Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

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VERTO LTD

2015 LARGE TRAINING PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

The Large Training Provider of the Year Award recognises a registered training organisation with more than 1500 students that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in all aspects of the delivery of vocational education and training.

VERTO Ltd is a community owned, not-for-profit registered training organisation (RTO) that delivers training and employment services from 27 locations across New South Wales.

Peter Gilchrist, VERTO's RTO manager, says that winning the Large Training Provider of the Year Award at the 2015 Australian Training Awards is recognition for years of commitment to the VET sector by VERTO's hardworking staff.

VERTO competed against many diverse RTOs and Peter feels it is a tribute to the VET sector that his organisation, with its focus on helping communities and the disadvantaged, was recognised for its excellence.

"It's also recognition of the role VET has to play in taking whole communities forward to be productive in Australia's economic future."

VERTO's enrolments include many Indigenous and unemployed clients, as well as those with disability. Peter says VERTO has a recent, additional cohort that makes up 34 per cent of enrolments.

"We're largely based in rural and regional communities where changes to the economic environment are resulting in first time unemployment for people over 45. We train them for the next phase of their lives."

VERTO prides itself on its organisation-wide commitment to quality, which is recognised by the national regulator. "That's important to clients," says Peter. "We're a safe buy."

Peter attributes VERTO's high completion rates to its passionate and committed staff, expertise in carefully tailoring programs and close connections with a range of industries that provide real work experience opportunities for participants.

Peter says that the Australian Training Awards showcase VET's important role in the economy of the future. "The Awards also allow us to celebrate those in VET who go the extra mile, and remind us how marvellous the youth of Australia really are."

ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Each year, the Australian Training Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Australian Apprentices, vocational students, training practitioners, businesses, secondary schools, industry and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

The majority of the awards are the culmination of the state and territory awards programs with winners from each state and territory eligible to compete at the national level in aligned categories.

There are also seven award categories available by entering directly to the Australian Training Awards.

Individual

- Lifetime Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- National Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award (**direct entry**)
- Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award
- Vocational Student of the Year Award
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice of the Year Award
- VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award

Business

- Australian Apprenticeships – Employer Award (**direct entry**)
- Small Employer of the Year Award** (**direct entry**)
- Medium Employer of the Year Award
- Large Employer of the Year Award
- Industry Collaboration Award

Registered Training Organisation

- School Pathways to VET Award (**direct entry**)
- International Training Provider of the Year Award* (**direct entry**)
- Small Training Provider of the Year Award
- Large Training Provider of the Year Award

* Applications for this award are made directly to the Australian Training Awards in all states and territories except Western Australia where applications must be made direct to the WA Training Awards.

** Businesses registered in Queensland, Tasmania and the ACT must apply for the Small Employer of the Year Award through the relevant 2016 state or territory training awards. Businesses registered in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory must apply directly to the Australian Training Awards.

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WHY APPLY?

The awards offer participants Australia-wide recognition for exceptional training outcomes and an opportunity to become known as the best-of-the-best, nationally.

For individuals, the awards can open up networks and career opportunities within the business sector and provide you with the opportunity to become a national ambassador for skills to promote the vocational education and training sector at a national level.

For businesses and registered training organisations, the awards can propel you into the national spotlight, positioning you as a front runner in skills and workforce development and leader in best practice. This will set you apart from the competition and make you an employer or registered training organisation of choice.

