



Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

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DOUGLAS WRIGHT AM

2016 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented in recognition of an individual's outstanding leadership and contribution to the VET sector for more than 25 years. This may be a new innovation, new knowledge, or ways to improve professional practice deemed to be above and beyond the everyday with a long lasting impact in the sector.

Douglas Wright has been a keen advocate and leader in Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector for many decades, playing an active role in introducing major improvements and changes to the training system at both the national and state levels.

As State Director of the Metal Trades Industry Association of Australia's New South Wales and Queensland branches, he led many successful international technology and trade missions. As a member of the former NSW VET Advisory Board, Mr Wright assisted in driving quality assurance for all students studying VET in NSW, leading to the emergence of Commonwealth policies for regulating international

education and improving the education experience for international students studying in Australia.

One of Mr Wright's most notable contributions to VET has been as an architect of the highly successful group training model. He was a founding member of the Hunter Valley Training Company, Australia's oldest group training organisation (GTO), which was created in partnership with industry, unions and government to provide a revolutionary approach to apprentice training.

The GTO model was subsequently adopted across Australia as governments recognised the importance of GTOs as a key element

in increasing the uptake of apprenticeships and traineeships and meeting skills shortages.

Mr Wright's contributions demonstrate a lifetime commitment to enhancing the quality of relevance of Australian VET for the benefit of students and industry.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1998 in recognition of his outstanding service to the metal trade industry.

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

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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.

