



Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

REAL STORIES. REAL ACHIEVEMENTS.



WHY APPLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS?

Benefits for businesses and registered training organisations

Winning an Australian Training Award will help your organisation to:

- be recognised Australia-wide as a national leader in skills, training and workforce development
- gain national recognition for the implementation of quality training practices
- extend its reach to a greater national audience, and potentially increase awareness to new customers
- become a highly desirable work place for potential employees.

In addition, each business and registered training organisation winner will receive \$5000 in prize money.

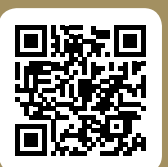
Benefits for individuals

Winning an Australian Training Award will help you to:

- gain national recognition as a leader in your field of study, training or work
- develop networks within the Australian business sector and build new career opportunities
- represent your field of study, training or work as an ambassador for the national vocational education and training sector.

In addition, each individual category winner will receive \$5000 and each runner up will receive \$2500 in prize money.

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.



2016 HONOUR ROLL

Lifetime Achievement Award

Douglas Wright AM
New South Wales

"I thank everyone for the recognition and I'm deeply honoured that I was nominated. Skills and training not only has the ability to transform people's lives but to contribute to the productivity of the employer. These Awards recognise that the future of Australia and the economy is in very good hands."

National Achievement Award

Denise Stevens
Victoria

"I like the fact that the Australian Training Awards showcase talent, both of students, teachers, employers from all across Australia, and I think it really does show the importance of vocational education and training and it's important to have nights like tonight where quality is really showcased and people get an opportunity to see what happens across the nation."

School Pathways to VET Award

Northern Adelaide State Secondary Schools' Alliance [NASSSA]
South Australia

"For us, the Australian Training Awards are recognition of what has been 16 years of hard work following our predecessors' collective decision to work together for a common cause."
Peter McKay, Chair of the Principals' Network

Australian Apprenticeships – Employer Award

WPC Group
Victoria

"The great thing about the Australian Training Awards is that they highlight the myth that vocational education and training only leads to boring, low-status, low paid jobs."
Andrew Sezonov, General Manager

Small Employer of the Year Award

Bond Hair Religion
Australian Capital Territory

"Small business owners are pretty stretched for time and money, but the Australian Training Awards goes to show that if you give priority to the things that are most important to you, success is inevitable. Training is the key to our success and winning this award affirms that belief."
Jenni Tarrant, Owner

Medium Employer of the Year Award

ProBuild (NT) Pty Ltd
Northern Territory

"Winning at the Australian Training Awards recognises the contribution we have made to so many traineeships, while also acknowledging our investment in our employees, with 100 per cent successful outcomes for all the trainees."
Melissa Sims, Systems Manager

Large Employer of the Year Award

Metro Trains Melbourne
Victoria

"Winning the Large Employer of the Year Award at the 2016 Australian Training Awards is validation of what the Learning and Development team have put in place and recognition of the expertise, effort and generosity of people in the industry who have helped us do something quite special."
Nicole Sullivan, Metro Trains Manager, Learning and Development

Industry Collaboration Award

The Skills Exchange—Barangaroo and Darling Harbour
New South Wales

"In winning this award our teams across the collaboration value the recognition. Most days we get caught up in doing the work and sometimes can't see the trees for the forest—this recognition helps us to understand we really are adding value through our everyday work."
Paul Gerlach, Senior Development Manager, Urban Regeneration, Lendlease

Small Training Provider of the Year Award

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)
Australian Capital Territory

"It is really important to value and celebrate the work and achievements of those in the vocational education and training sector and that's what the Australian Training Awards do so well. For us the award is a stamp of quality which will inspire confidence from the industry, teachers and our students."
Neil Boyd, Director of Business Development and Marketing

Large Training Provider of the Year Award

Box Hill Institute Group
Victoria

"The Australian Training Awards acknowledge that we are on the right path and I have no doubt that our strong leadership, together with the passion and professionalism of our staff, will ensure our vision is realised."
Jennifer Oliver, Executive Director Academic Affairs

Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award

Isabel Osuna-Gatty
Northern Territory

"The Australian Training Awards showcase the benefits of doing an apprenticeship and it's especially important for young people to know how inspiring and empowering a VET career can be."

VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award

Donna Colombini
New South Wales

"My award is for all the teachers within my organisation and the industry and all the vocational education and training teachers across Australia who commit themselves 100 times over to the success of their students and the growth of their industries."

Vocational Student of the Year Award

Carla Willcox
Tasmania

"Winning the award has certainly given me great exposure and has helped my career, but it's not just about me. I'm really honoured to have won the Australian Training Award and I plan to give everything I can in embracing it and inspiring as many others as I possibly can."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award

Indi Clarke
Victoria

"The awards help to break down the stigma that vocational education and training is secondary to university and are instrumental in closing the gap between the two. The award ceremony was a great showcase for what could be achieved through VET and I came away inspired, empowered and reinvigorated."

Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award

Leuwin Andrew
South Australia

"Winning this award and being an ambassador for vocational education and training is an honour and a privilege; the award will also be a great career booster for me, not just in Australia but internationally."

Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award

Ben Nedwich
Queensland

"One of the most important aspects of the Australian Training Awards is that they highlight the importance and benefits of vocational education and training and recognise people who are prepared to go above and beyond in contributing to their workplace and the community."

Australian Apprentice of the Year Award

Shane Dealy
Australian Capital Territory

"When I changed from engineering to carpentry I wasn't sure that I'd done the right thing. The career advice I'd received at school was very much in favour of going to university. But now the award confirms that I've chosen the right pathway."