

**Two weeks to go! Nominations close Tuesday, 12 March**

**Start a QTA 2024 nomination now**

Hurry! With two weeks to go it's time to jump in and start preparing a nomination for the 2024 Queensland Training Awards! If you [register your details now](#) there's still time to prepare a strong nomination.

There are 14 awards in total, with seven for individuals and seven for organisations, but a quick check of the [eligibility and selection criteria](#) will help you pick the one you should enter.

Print a copy of the [relevant drafting template](#) and in a lunch break or some other quiet time, make a few dot points for each criterion. Then you can start pulling together the documents, photos and other materials you will need to attach to the nomination.

In another day or two you will probably have a few more points to add to your drafting template. You could also check some [example nominations](#) from past winners and finalists to see what they wrote. Then you'll be ready to write about how vocational education and training is helping your journey.

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### **What's my region?**

Eleven of the Queensland Training Awards categories will be contested at our seven regional finals coming up in July. That means we're looking for 231 exceptional regional finalists from across the state in these categories:

1. Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year
2. Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
3. Vocational Student of the Year
4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
5. School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
6. Equity Student of the Year
7. VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year
8. Community Training Initiative of the Year
9. Small Employer of the Year
10. Medium Employer of the Year
11. Large Employer of the Year

But are you in Tropical North Queensland or North Queensland and are they anywhere near North Coast? (No.) What's the Central Queensland boundary? Do I get to pick if I would like to join the Metropolitan, South East or Darling Downs South West regional final? (Also no.)

Working out which region you fit in depends on the award categories. Our [identify your region page](#) spells out the suburb you should use to work out your region, and then you just need to enter that suburb into the search tool at the bottom of the page to find your region.

Do this and you're another step closer to having your training journey recognised through the Queensland Training Awards. Among the regional finalists should be 77 regional winners who will head to the state final in Brisbane in September. Our regional finals will also be the first look at 11 of our 2024 state winners, who will be in the running for national recognition too.

### **Need a nudge on why it's great to nominate?**

To all the potential nominees wondering if it's worth entering the Queensland Training Awards or not, check out these videos with past nominees talking about their experiences:



Video: Why nominate? Hear from past individual nominees



Video: Why nominate? Hear from past business nominees

Here are some quotes from our 2023 state winners to encourage and inspire you:

“I’ve loved every minute of my training experience so far and being afforded the opportunity to partake in events like the Queensland Training Awards is really the cherry on top. I think it’s an incredible way to network, and just an all-round great way to celebrate all trainee and apprentice achievements.” — **Charlotte Ross, 2023 Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year, South East region and Queensland winner.**

“We would like to acknowledge the team at QTA on how professionally the awards program was run — from the outset the communication, judging and then the award presentations were run to a very high standard.” — **All Purpose Transport. CEO Paul Kahlert, 2023 Large Employer of the Year, Australian Training Awards and Medium Employer of the Year, South East region and Queensland winner.**

“[The Queensland Training Awards] showcases businesses and individuals who make a difference in their communities and recognises their hard work and achievements.” — **Gabrielle Clift, 2023 Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year — Darling Downs South West region and Queensland winner.**

### **A drip check\* you don’t need to call a plumber for**

*(\* drip check: showing off your outfit)*

Making a regional final or the state gala event a fun night out is a big part of the Queensland Training Awards.

Mixing with other people who are celebrating positive training stories while enjoying some good food and entertainment lends itself to a great night. It's also a fantastic opportunity to switch workshop or office clothes for something that makes a bit more of a splash.

Organisations can recognise and celebrate the staff and students who connect training pathways with their bigger goals. It's also a chance for individual finalists to bring their partners, parents or children to cheer them on when they walk the stage.

Our regional coordinators are busy pulling together [this year's events](#), including working out the theming and decorations, because July is coming up fast! So while it might be too early to purchase a new fit now, it might be worth keeping an eye out for some fashion inspiration.



(l-r): Auto women Gabrielle Clift, Sharine 'Spanner' Milne and Andrea McCarthy; carpenter Mitchell Ayling polishes up well; 2022 winners and 2023 judges Jennah Halley, Atahnee Simpson, Ronelle Sheehan and Tony Karamatic; community services worker and dual regional winner Dana Whiston.



(l-r): St James College's (an ATA winner!) principal Ann Rebgetz and triple threat student Keiriana Dargin-Clark; ParisiAnn Patisserie's Mark and Annie White take the cake; from working in the mines to ATA and QTA winner Kyezaya Namai-Sabatino; Hope Island 7 Day Amcal Chemist's Blake Hyndman-Roberts (regional finalist) and owner Amy Ford (regional winner); Agriculture teacher Trudy Berry and school-based auto electrician apprentice Abby-Rose Bowman from Central Queensland.

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