Grab your State Final tickets today - don't miss out!

Join us at the 2024 Queensland Training Awards State Final on 7 September to celebrate the people, organisations and projects, excelling in vocational education and training. Book your seat or buy a table and join us in The Great Hall at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to cheer them on and enjoy a great night of hospitality and entertainment.

Get tickets here

Congratulations to our 75 regional winners

Each of the seven Queensland Training Awards regions has celebrated exceptional winners whose stories can inspire others in their networks and communities. As we approach the State Final on 7 September, it's important to recognise these outstanding achievements.

With 75 winners across the state, there are too many amazing stories to highlight in full here. However, you can find details about the <u>regional winners and finalists here</u> (or click on the regional winners images below)





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Large Employer of the Year winners represent a dynamic mix, including a boat builder, cruise ship operator, tourism and entertainment destination, two local councils, a grocery chain and an internationally known bike shop brand. These winners, along with those in the medium and small employer categories, are playing a pivotal role developing the skilled workforce needed for their operations to thrive.





Similarly, the seven Community Training Initiative of the Year winners are making a significant impact by providing additional support in their communities, helping individuals enter the workforce or take the next steps toward a more productive future.

As we look forward to the State Final, we wish all the regional winners the best of luck. May your hard work and dedication shine on the big night.

Good luck to everyone.



Seven out of seven!

Thank you to the more than 1800 people who attended one (or more) of our regional finals this year, and to all our regional sponsors whose support made these incredible events possible.





The finalists along with their supporters — family, friends, colleagues, trainers, mentors and more — have all contributed to the success and positive outcomes within their local vocational education and training systems. Bringing together representatives from diverse industries, employers and training providers under one roof is a hallmark of these awards, reinforcing the ongoing strength of these pathways across the state.

Nine state finalists named

Finalists in the three state-level categories — Large Training Provider of the Year, Small Training Provider of the Year and Premier's Industry Collaboration Award — complete the impressive lineup for the Queensland Training Awards State Final.

The Premier's Industry Collaboration Award finalists have built rewarding partnerships that are making a difference. They've revitalised foster carer training, established a cutting-edge facility to develop skilled workers to build luxury boats, and created new career pathways on Palm Island.

In the Large Training Provider of the Year category, the finalists showcase different approaches to balancing the needs of students and employers. Australian Paramedical College, based in Burleigh Heads, supports students nationwide in both emergency and non-emergency healthcare roles. Enterprise and Training Company, a not-for-profit and registered charity, focuses on improving employability for disadvantaged individuals. TAFE Queensland, with 140-year legacy, continues to offer innovative programs and support future workers.

St James College at Spring Hill is a finalist in the Small Training Provider of the Year category, having won the School Pathways to VET Award at the 2023 Australian Training Awards. Their students earn a range of qualifications while still at school. The other small training provider finalists are The Institute of Culinary Excellence in Coorparoo, which has trained apprentices who now work in leading fine dining restaurants, and On The Job Training, which has incorporated a VR simulator into its training for crane operators, delivering cutting-edge training for high-risk licences and civil plant machinery.

Well done to each of these finalists for being selected and best of luck in the State Final!

Celebrate Multicultural Queensland Month

August is <u>Multicultural Queensland Month</u> and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in events happening across the state.

Training pathways are instrumental in helping individuals from diverse backgrounds acquire new skills and achieve big goals. This year's regional Queensland Training Awards have recognised nominees and winners from Filipino, Sudanese and First Nations communities. Trainers from the UK and New Zealand, as well as a teacher at the Australian International Islamic College, are sharing their experiences to inspire the next generation.

Additionally, there are projects dedicated to supporting migrants and refugees by providing local experience and qualifications to help them find employment, build social connections, and make valuable contributions to their communities.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Multicultural Queensland Month.



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