

Making a New Year's nomination?

Welcome to 2023 and another big year for training in Queensland.

There's around seven weeks until the nomination window for the 2023 Queensland Training Awards will close, which is plenty of time to prepare and submit a nomination to highlight your #SkillsPower or recognise someone else you know for their efforts.

[Nominate now!](#)

The process to find 33 finalists in each of our seven regions, plus three more finalists in each of the three state-only categories, is underway.

Each year, the nominees, finalists and winners in the 14 award categories perform vital work in a range of industries, shaping Queensland's skilled workforce to tackle new challenges and reach bigger goals in the future.

Recognising our best apprentices, trainees and students, along with the great employers, teachers, trainers, training providers, initiatives and industry partnerships, encourages everyone to keep working hard.

Please spread the word through your networks and help the Queensland Training Awards find this year's training stars!

Save the dates

If you like to plan out your year as far as you can, take note of the [dates for the regional finals in July](#) and the 2023 State Gala Dinner will be held in early September.

Back to school

As the first bells ring at high schools across the state to kick off Term 1, some amazing teachers and trainers will be delivering vocational training and supporting students to develop skills that can set them up for rewarding careers.

Elsewhere school-based apprentices and trainees will be getting back into the rhythm of working with their employers alongside completing their school studies.

Recent QTA winners and finalists in these categories have demonstrated the extensive range of industry training school students are taking on across the state, which is helping them find an industry they are passionate about.

Some of the qualifications school-based apprentices and trainees have studied have tested their sea legs in maritime operations, taken them onto construction sites to build a trade career, given them a taste of working in hospitality or allowed them to see how rewarding a career helping others can be.



Tropical North Queensland's 2022 School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year Cody Graham took on a Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal) while completing Year 12 at Woree State High School.

The Queensland Training Awards have also found teachers and trainers based at Queensland schools supporting students to get a jump start on a career in automotive mechanics or electrics, develop strong business skills or spark their enjoyment of engineering and manufacturing.

Making a good start to the school year and completing a QTA nomination can be a challenge but the chance to build connections with other committed educators and young people when the regional finals roll around is a fantastic opportunity.

Set aside some time each week, outside of school hours, and you'll be ready to submit your nomination before the deadline.



Central Queensland's 2022 VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year Gregory Pullen was recognised for his work with Marist College Emerald's Industrial Technology Department.

[Check the eligibility criteria for the 14 award categories](#)

What's your QTA region?

Working out which QTA region you are part of doesn't have to be guesswork. Check the location instructions for the award category you are looking at and then enter the relevant suburb into the '[Identify my region](#)' tool to find out the correct region to include in your nomination.

Growing the quantity and quality of skilled Queenslanders

Completing an apprenticeship or traineeship is a major milestone for everyone who signs a training contract.

The [National Centre for Vocational Education Research](#) found that 22,015 people completed an apprenticeship or traineeship in Queensland in the 12 months before 30 June 2022. That number had grown by 15.8 per cent compared to the same period up to 30 June 2021, which is positive for the state's skilled workforce and a number the Queensland Government wants to keep growing.

Among the 22,000 people who completed their training in the 2021-22 financial year were Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year Jennah Halley, Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year Tony Karamatic and all of our regional winners and finalists who were recognised and celebrated last year in these categories.

The QTA team is reaching out to apprentices and trainees who have completed, or who are due to complete, their qualifications between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023, but if you are on track to complete your qualification early in that timeframe you should consider applying.

If you know a good one, encourage them to nominate and help out in any way you can. They might need someone to take a few photos, provide a letter of support to attach to their nomination or just some guidance or a reminder to complete their responses to the assessment criteria and submit it all before midnight on Wednesday 15 March.

The Queensland Government's website has [more information about apprenticeships and traineeships](#), including helping people through the [steps to complete their training contract](#), including those who might be ready to finish earlier than their nominal completion date.

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