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## Start a QTA 2024 nomination now

Completing a nomination for the 2024 Queensland Training Awards can be a rewarding experience, but to get the most out of this process don't leave it to the last minute!

Taking some time when responding to the selection criteria helps nominees understand how vocational education and training has shaped their journey so far and prepared them to pursue exciting new goals.

The first step is checking the <u>eligibility criteria</u> for the awards and registering an account on the awards portal.

Making sure the nomination covers both the big picture and finer details can take a little time. So start with putting a few dot points down in the <u>relevant drafting template</u>. Think about where you (or the person or organisation you are nominating) have come from and what's coming up.

## Could a Queensland Training Award be a milestone on your training journey?

Ahead of last year's Australian Training Awards, we asked some of the Queensland finalists about their training experience:

"It's been the best experience and the best decision I've made. I've not only become skilled in education but I've also grown as a person and have developed skills that also help me with everyday life. I've become more mature and confident." — Jessica Addo, Australia's and Queensland's 2023 Vocational Student of the Year.

"I've loved every moment 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, Queensland's 2023 Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year.

"Winning my category felt amazing and it really showed me that my work ethic and my passion and drive towards my school-based traineeship and the trade doesn't go unnoticed. This has motivated me to keep on striving for the mountaintop. The training awards is a great and wonderful experience with great staff and assistance to those who need it and as for my training it has been the best, always a blast and a half whether it be in TAFE or just in the workshop with my tradesmen." — Kyezaya Namai-Sabatino, Australia's and Queensland's 2023 School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year.

"I have enjoyed the whole experience. This process has provided an often overlooked cathartic approach, to stop and reflect on where we started, where we are now, and where we want to go. I have loved sharing success stories of our apprentices. Now that I am aware of the categories I am looking forward to letting my apprentices take the lead for future awards." — McCarthy Panel Works, Queensland's 2023 Small Employer of the Year.

You can also look back on our 2023 state final highlights video below or here's a sample covering the regional finals:



Vocational education and training stars shine with 14 outstanding winners selected at the 2023 Queensland Training Awards State Final.



Seven amazing nights recognised 77 amazing regional winners, who were among more than 210 regional finalists selected in 2023

## Can you picture it?

Between now and the nomination window closing on Tuesday 12 March at midnight, you will probably get a haircut or two. If you line up a colleague or friend to take your headshot and a few photos of you working or studying while your haircut is looking fresh, it will help tell your story.

Our <u>five easy steps to enter</u> has plenty of tips for taking good headshots and workplace photos, with a few examples from past winners and finalists.

Plus you can use those shots on your own social media or business website to help share your story through your networks.

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