



TASMANIAN TRAINING AWARDS

VET in Schools
Student of the Year

2019 Selection criteria and
nomination form



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2019 Tasmanian Training Awards summary

The Tasmanian Training Awards are conducted annually by Skills Tasmania, Department of State Growth. The Department is committed to the development of a high quality, efficient system of vocational education and training and workforce development. The commitment represents a major contribution to the development of competitive advantage for Tasmanian industry.

The Awards recognise the achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students who strive for the highest standards of knowledge and skills within their industry. They also recognise industry, employers and training organisations dedicated to providing high quality training and improving the skills of the workforce in this State. The Awards offer finalists the chance to gain personal satisfaction and the prestige of being part of an elite group who unequivocally represent the State's best in vocational education and training.

Winners from the Tasmanian Training Awards (in aligned categories) have the opportunity to compete with other states and territories to be named the best in Australia at the 2019 Australian Training Awards which will be held in Brisbane, in November.

2019 Award categories and progression to the Australian Training Awards

Business and Training Provider Awards:

Industry Collaboration Award	Australian Training Award
Small Employer	Australian Training Award
Employer	Australian Training Award
Training Provider	Australian Training Award

Individual Awards:

Apprentice	Australian Training Award
Trainee	Australian Training Award
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student	Australian Training Award
Vocational Student	Australian Training Award
School-based Apprentice/Trainee	Australian Training Award
VET Teacher / Trainer	Australian Training Award
VET in Schools Student	State-only Award*

Equity Awards:

Equity Award – Apprentice or Trainee	State-only Award*
Equity Award – Vocational Student	State-only Award*
Equity Award – Employer	State-only Award*

*There are no national equivalents to the VET in Schools Student of the Year Award or Equity Awards.

Skills Tasmania reserves the right to not present an award in any category for which it considers the standard of entries did not meet the requirements stated in the conditions of entry and selection criteria.

VET in Schools Student of the Year

Part I: Eligibility and conditions of entry

The VET in Schools Student of the Year Award is presented to a full-time year 11 or 12 student undertaking an accredited vocational education and training (VET) course that has a vocational placement component. The Award recognises the student's commitment to their formal studies and their VET course.

The VET in Schools Student of the Year Award is sponsored by JobNet Tasmania.

Eligibility

Nominees must:

- be a permanent resident of Australia
- be a full-time year 11 or 12 student undertaking an accredited VET course that has a vocational placement component
- be due to complete your course in 2019
- be nominated by your school/college.

Conditions of entry

Nominees must:

- apply for only one category and must meet all eligibility criteria. When an application does not meet the eligibility requirements, it will not be considered by the judging panel.
- be prepared to attend an interview in Hobart during the week beginning Monday, 22 July and, if selected as a finalist, attend the presentation dinner in Hobart on Friday, 6 September.
- abide by the decisions of Skills Tasmania whose decision shall be final on all matters pertaining to the award. No correspondence or justification for any decision shall be required of Skills Tasmania.
- acknowledge that by entering the Awards, finalists and winners agree that Skills Tasmania may use non-confidential details, profiles, training details and/or photographs/videos for any publicity purpose pertaining to vocational education and training including, but not limited to, the Tasmanian Training Awards and the promotion of vocational education and training and workforce development.

Privacy notice

The information provided by you in this application will be used by Skills Tasmania for the purpose of administration, judging and general communication in regard to the Tasmanian Training Awards. Provision of this information is essential to determine your eligibility for consideration for an award. The information will be stored securely.

Part 2: Application and selection processes

How to complete your application

- Review the eligibility requirements to ensure you meet them and are nominating in the correct category.
- Read the conditions of entry and agree to these conditions.
- Complete the application at Part 4. Your application needs to include the nomination form, a short overview and responses to all selection criteria. Note a word limit applies.
- Applications are to be in 12 pt. Arial font and must be within the word count applicable for the overview and each criterion.
 - Up to five (5) single A4 page attachments are permitted (this is optional). These pages can include testimonials, copies of certificates, etc
 - Submit your application: Applications can be submitted via email, post or hand delivered. Keep a copy for your reference. Do not bind or laminate your application.
 - If you are submitting your application via email please name the document with your name and the award you are applying for. For example; *Sam Smith – VETiS Student*. Once you have completed your nomination form, overview and selection criteria, and collated any supporting documentation, attach all documents in an email to jacqui.maclaine@skills.tas.gov.au
- Once you have completed your nomination form and selection criteria, and collated any supporting documentation, attach all documents in an email to jacqui.maclaine@skills.tas.gov.au
- The overview and selection criteria should be the focus of your application; however any relevant evidence may be provided so long as it does not exceed the word and page limits. No multimedia items or discs will be accepted with applications.

Selection of finalists

- Nominations close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 7 June 2019. No late applications will be accepted.
- Applications will be assessed against the selection criteria to shortlist applicants.
- All applicants will be advised in writing as to whether they have been shortlisted.
- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview in Hobart during the week beginning Monday, 22 July.
- The decision of the judging panel is final and no appeals will be entered into.

Key dates

7 June 2019 (5:00pm)

Nominations close (no late applications will be accepted).

11 June – 4 July 2019

Applications are shortlisted.

Applicants are notified by email as to whether they have been selected for an interview.

Week beginning Monday, 22 July

VET in Schools Student finalists are interviewed at Skills Tasmania offices, Level 4, 4 Salamanca Place Hobart. To remain eligible, finalists must attend this judging process.

6 September 2019

Finalists attend the Tasmanian Training Awards Presentation Dinner at Wrest Point Hobart.

Tasmanian Training Awards gala presentation dinner

The 2019 Tasmanian Training Awards will be announced at a gala presentation dinner in the Tasman Room at Wrest Point Convention Centre in Hobart on Friday, 6 September. Over 500 guests are expected to attend this special evening.

VET in Schools Student of the Year finalists each receive two complimentary tickets to attend the dinner (one for themselves and one for a guest). Additional tickets will be available for family and friends to purchase from July until bookings close on 30 August (unless sold out sooner). It is a requirement that all finalists be present at the dinner.

Part 3: Submitting your application

Checklist

I have:

selected the correct category and confirmed my eligibility to enter the 2019 Awards
written the overview and addressed all the selection criteria
completed all sections of the nomination form and attached it to the front of my application
ensured all parties to this application are aware of my application and endorse its content
enclosed copies of any testimonials, copies of certificates, etc

Ways to submit your application

By email: jacqui.maclaine@skills.tas.gov.au

By post: Confidential Award Application
Jacqui Maclaine
Skills Tasmania
GPO Box 536
Hobart TAS 7001

Hand-delivered: Confidential Award Application
Jacqui Maclaine
Skills Tasmania
Department of State Growth
Level 4, 4 Salamanca Place, Hobart
(Opposite St David's Park)

Further information

For further information please visit www.skills.tas.gov.au/trainingawards or contact Jacqui Maclaine on 03 6165 6008 or jacqui.maclaine@skills.tas.gov.au

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Part 4: Nomination form and selection criteria

Nomination form – VET in Schools Student of the Year

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NOMINEE'S PERSONAL DETAILS		
Given Name		
Surname		
Date of birth		
Home Address		
		Postcode
Telephone	Mobile	Home
Email address*		
*An email address is essential for communication between you and the Awards secretariat.		
SCHOOL/COLLEGE (and TRAINING PROVIDER if applicable)		
School/College		
Contact Name		Telephone
Course		Completion date
Email		
Training Provider		
NOMINATOR'S DETAILS		
Nominator's Name		
Organisation		
Telephone		
Email address		

It is a condition of these awards that the nominator and the nominee agree to comply with the conditions of entry mentioned in the nomination information and agree to any decision made by Skills Tasmania in relation to this nomination and these awards. In signing this form you give permission for Skills Tasmania to use non-confidential details from this nomination and relevant photographs and/or film for any publicity purpose pertaining to vocational education and training and workforce development.

Signature of nominator:

Signature of nominee:

Applicants under the age of 18 years require a parent/guardian to read and sign the following:

I give permission for my child to be released from school/college to attend interviews and intrastate travel as necessary pertaining to the Tasmanian Training Awards. I give permission for my child to be photographed and/or filmed while participating in the Tasmanian Training Awards. Information about my child, including photographs and/or non-confidential details, may be used for any publicity purpose pertaining to vocational education and training and workforce development.

Signature of parent or guardian:

Name:

Telephone:

Overview and selection criteria

Section A: Overview (limit 300 words)

Provide a short overview covering a description of the course you enrolled in and your reason for choosing this qualification. Note: information in the overview will not be considered or used for judging purposes, but may be used as your summary throughout the Awards process.

Section B: Applicants will be judged against the following criteria

Addressing the criteria

In your application, you must present your information in a way that clearly addresses the award criteria. Therefore, please respond to the criteria in order, under the given heading. Judging panels will be looking for evidence of how your VET in Schools programme is assisting your future career plans.

In developing your application, you may wish to take into account some of the considerations outlined below each criterion. These considerations are not additional criteria, but are provided to give clarification of what may be relevant to include when writing against the criteria.

Criterion 1: Training and study achievements (limit 400 words)

Consider things such as:

- reasons for choosing a VET in Schools programme
- description of work placements and the skills learnt.

Criterion 2: Team and communication skills (limit: 400 words)

Consider any skills you have developed through your VET course, such as:

- effective oral and written communication
- your level of self-reliance and resilience in times of challenge
- effective team participation.

Criterion 3: Ability to promote VET in Schools (limit: 400 words)

Tell us about:

- any messages you might have that could encourage others who are interested in entering a VET in Schools programme.

Criterion 4: Other qualities and pursuits (limit: 400 words)

You may wish to include information about:

- your achievements in areas other than study and work
- your involvement in the community
- your awareness of current social, economic and political issues.



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