

QUEENSLAND Training Awards 2026



Jessica Bichsel
Apprentice of the Year
Queensland and Metropolitan region winner

“ I’m incredibly proud to be Queensland Apprentice of the Year 2025—especially as a female carpenter in a male-dominated trade. I self-nominated for the Awards and this experience has shown me that when you back yourself, amazing things can happen. ”

Celebrate the power of skills.

Celebrate you.

The Queensland Training Awards shine a light on the power of skills and people just like you.

Apprentices, trainees and students, the people who train, and the organisations that employ – your success demonstrates how training changes lives, forges careers, and builds strong and skilled workforces.

Your story is powerful.

Celebrate and tell your story through the Queensland Training Awards. There are 13 award categories, with 2026 nominations closing on 22 March 2026, and expressions of interest for future years welcome any time.



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Individual awards

- Apprentice of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Vocational Student of the Year
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
- School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
- Equity Student of the Year
- VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year

Organisation awards

The Queensland Training Awards recognise the important roles employers, training providers, community training projects and industry collaborations play to ensure the state develops the skilled workers it needs now and for the future. If training drives your organisation’s success, it’s time to celebrate your team’s achievements, boost your brand and gain well-deserved recognition. Discover how to nominate today!

Additional categories are available at the national level, as part of the Australian Training Awards.

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For individuals

As Queensland's highest training accolade, this is your opportunity to recognise personal success and help build your career.



Youth work has allowed me to work with a range of different young people from different age groups and different ethnic backgrounds.

Being able to put yourself in a young person's shoes and seeing things through their lens helps create a better understanding of them and the ability to build a great rapport.

Kayla Gagai

Trainee of the Year

Australian Queensland and Tropical North Queensland region winner



Through my training, I have learned the critical skills involved in food and livestock production and the importance of passing this knowledge on to future generations.

Hamish Genrich

School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year

Queensland and Darling Downs South West region winner

For business and community

As an organisation, the awards can help you highlight your commitment to workforce development as well as your staff and your community.

Nominations are open to employers of all sizes, as well as training providers, community training initiatives and industry collaborations.

Through the individual categories, you can also choose to recognise the achievements of employees.



I've always wanted to become a ranger. I applied for the GMYPBC ranger traineeship because I wanted to take care of my country, while giving back to my Gunggandji people and the Yarrabah community.

Dion Sands

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

Australian runner-up, and Queensland and Tropical North Queensland region winner

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