



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Search is on for South Australia's training stars**

Nominations for the 2018 South Australian Training Awards are now open.

The South Australian Training Awards (the Awards), hosted by the Training and Skills Commission are the State's peak awards for Vocational Education and Training, recognising quality, excellence and innovation in training.

High achieving vocational education and training students, teachers, apprentices, employers and training organisations are invited to nominate.

Information sessions to assist in the preparation of applications and to maximise the chance of winning, will be held at the Education Development Centre on Monday 19 March, 2018.

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday, 9 April 2018, and the South Australian Training Awards presentation dinner will be held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Friday 7 September 2018.

For more information about the SA Training Awards, to nominate and register for the information sessions, visit [www.satrainigawards.sa.gov.au](http://www.satrainigawards.sa.gov.au)

### **Background**

This year there are 11 awards, including six for individuals and five for organisations.

#### *Individual awards*

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

#### *Organisation awards – businesses*

- Industry Collaboration
- Small Employer of the Year
- Medium Employer of the Year
- Large Employer of the Year

#### *Organisation awards – registered training organisations*

- Training Provider of the Year

Winners may have the opportunity to represent South Australia at the Australian Training Awards later in the year in Sydney.

Also open for nominations are seven direct entry categories to the Australian Training Awards:

<https://www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au/>





## **Quotes attributable to Training and Skills Commission Chair Michael Boyce**

The South Australian Training Awards is the premier annual event on the Vocational Education and Training (VET) calendar.

The Training and Skills Commission is delighted to host these prestigious awards which celebrate success in vocational education and training and acknowledge the achievements of our best and brightest students, trainers, training providers and employers.

Ensuring we have a skilled workforce and supporting our vocational education and training sector are vital elements to the State's economic success.

I'm pleased to see the return of the small employer of the year award – 98 per cent of South Australia's 143,000 businesses employ fewer than 20 staff, which is about 36 per cent of the South Australian workforce. The award reflects the significant impact for small businesses who invest in training.

Telling your training story is incredibly powerful, so I encourage students, employers, registered training organisations and teachers to nominate and be in the running to be recognised and rewarded for innovative and professional approaches to training.

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