# Nomination information

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award recognises the achievement of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who is undertaking an apprenticeship, traineeship or course of study leading to a national qualification, and who has been outstanding in aspects of their training and demonstrates the relevance of lifelong learning.

## Eligibility criteria

To nominate, you must:

* be a permanent resident of Australia
* nominate for and meet the eligibility criteria for one of the following individual award categories:
* Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year
* Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
* Vocational Student of the Year
* School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
* be identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and wishing to nominate for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award
* **complete one additional selection criterion (4A)**.

## Nomination period and closing date

Nominations will open **early 2021** and close on **Sunday 21 March 2021**.

You can begin preparing your nomination prior to the formal opening of the nomination period. Visit [www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/enter](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/enter) to find out more.

Visit <https://bit.ly/QTA-EOI> to express your interest in nominating anytime. Our state and regional coordinators are here to help and can send you inspiration and tips to help you prepare your nomination even before nominations open at the start of each year. Visit [www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/about-the-awards/contact-us](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/about-the-awards/contact-us) for coordinator contact details.

## How to nominate

Nominations are to be submitted via the online nomination portal, which opens at the start of each year. Visit [www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta) for links to this portal.

To be considered in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award category, you must first nominate for one of the abovementioned individual award categories.

When submitting your nomination for the individual category online, you must tick the following boxes indicating that you:

* are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
* wish to also nominate for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award.

Once you have ticked the boxes as part of your nomination for the individual award category, you will be asked to complete one additional criterion around **Community Engagement**. Once you have completed this extra criterion, your nomination will also be submitted for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award.

**You only need to address one additional selection criteria.**

Visit [www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/enter](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/enter) for more information about each category’s nomination requirements, including selection criteria.

## Additional selection criteria

This award category requires the applicant to address the following additional selection criterion which is specific to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award.

**CRITERION 4A: Community Engagement** *(Limit: 400 words)*

You may wish to include information about:

* How are you connected with your community/extended family?
* How has the training impacted on your community?
* What qualities do you have or activities you have been involved in that you feel would be useful in your role as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year?
* Your achievements in areas other than study and work.

*Insert your response here*

*(Click into text box to start)*

## Telephone and online interviews

It is important to note that telephone and online interviews form part of the judging process and participation is a mandatory component of nominating for the Queensland Training Awards.

All shortlisted nominees **must** be available to participate in a telephone or online interview during the first two weeks of May 2021, and if selected as a state finalist, the first two weeks of August 2021 as well.

Visit [www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/enter/judging](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/enter/judging) for more information on the judging process.

## Regional ceremonies and State Gala Dinner

All finalists will be required to participate in the announcement of regional winners in their region and if a regional winner, announcement of state winners. Information on the timing and format for regional and state final announcements will be updated throughout the year. Visit [www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/award-ceremonies](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/award-ceremonies) for more information.

## Australian Training Awards

The Australian Training Awards are the peak national awards for the VET sector, recognising innovation and excellence in training.

The winner of the Queensland Training Awards’ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year category will compete against the category winner from each state and territory to be named the best at the Australian Training Awards. To learn more, visit [www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au](http://www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au).