**Vocational Student Eligibility & Information**

This document contains the eligibility requirements and information on what happens with your nomination once it is submitted.

The NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) conducts the NSW Training Awards each year to recognise outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector. The Awards reward and honour the achievements of students, training organisations, and employers.

All finalists will be invited to attend the Awards Presentation Dinner to be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour on 10 September 2009 where the Minister for Education and Training will announce the winners.

State winners of the Apprentice, Trainee, School Based Apprentice, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student and Vocational Student awards will represent NSW at the Australian Training Awards to be held in Canberra on 19 November 2009.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Students who entered the 2008 NSW Training Awards are not eligible to enter in 2009.

HSC students are not eligible to enter the Vocational Student category, but are encouraged to enter the School Based Apprentice of the Year category or VET in School Student of the Year category. Please refer to the eligibility criteria for these categories.

**Vocational Student nominees**

- Candidates may only be nominated by their registered training provider
- The nominee may be any full-time or part-time student in a vocational education course that leads to a nationally recognised outcome or qualification, who is not eligible for the Apprentice or Trainee awards
- Candidates must have completed or be due to complete their vocational studies between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009

**ONCE THE NOMINATION IS SUBMITTED**

A letter confirming your nomination will be forwarded to you and your nominator within three weeks of receipt of your nomination.

Candidates will be assessed from the information provided in their submissions (see ‘Documents and information to be provided’).

Initial selection will be carried out at a regional level, where a panel of judges may conduct interviews. Each region will select one student to attend an interview in Sydney, from which finalists will be selected. All finalists will be invited to attend the Presentation Dinner for the announcement of the winner. For details on the regional events, please visit our website at [www.trainingawards.nsw.gov.au](http://www.trainingawards.nsw.gov.au)