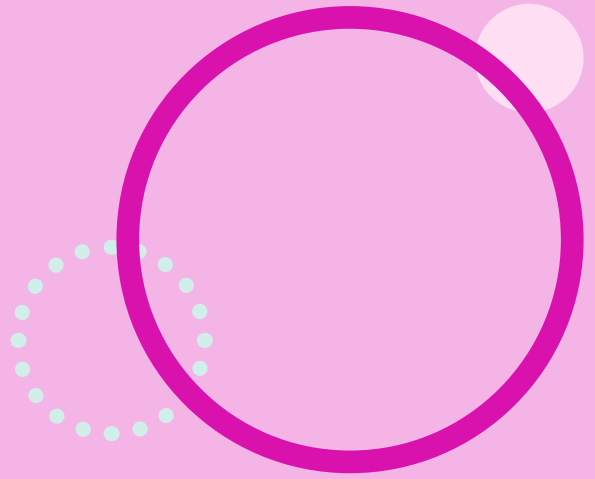


# NSW Training Awards 2026

## Industry Collaboration Award

### Eligibility and Selection Criteria

**Nominations close 27 February 2026**



The NSW Industry Collaboration Award recognises an exemplary skills development collaboration between at least one employer/industry body and at least one organisation in delivering nationally recognised training.

### Eligibility Criteria

To nominate for the Industry Collaboration Award, you must:

- have at least one party who is an industry organisation (e.g. employer, enterprise, group of enterprises, industry association, industry advisory body, trade union or professional association)
- have at least one party who is delivering nationally recognised vocational education and training or directly contributing to the outcomes of nationally recognised vocational education and training which leads to formal qualifications or Statements of Attainment under the Australian Qualifications Framework
- have not nominated in this category in any other States.

#### Note:

Organisations must demonstrate a genuine and shared agreement (either formal or informal) to cooperate and work together for mutual benefit. Collaborations typically will not include transactional or service delivery arrangements or partnerships where financial and cost arrangements are a defining characteristic.

Nominations will not be accepted from organisations operating under a contractual 'partnership' agreement.

Organisation winners may nominate for the NSW Training Awards; however, a grace period of one year is required.

### Preparing your nomination

#### Section A: Overview

This information will **not** be considered or used for shortlisting or judging purposes, but it may be used as a summary of your organisation throughout the Awards process.

#### Provide an overview of the collaboration (500 word limit)

Consider including:

- name of the collaboration
- lead organisation and each of the parties to the collaboration
- purpose and objectives of the collaboration
- origin of the collaboration (how the parties came together)
- details of the environment in which the collaboration operates
- how the collaboration functions in practice, including lines of communication between the parties to the collaboration

## Section B: Entry Criteria

This award category requires the nominee to address the following award criteria. Please be aware that your responses to the criteria will be strengthened by the inclusion of measurable results and appropriate indicators (including customer satisfaction data and other types of external validation).

The considerations listed under each criterion are provided to clarify what to include when addressing the criteria.

### Criterion 1: Outstanding practice of the collaboration (800 word limit)

Describe the extent to which the collaboration goes above and beyond standard practice in training and skills development.

For example, you may consider:

- what is the basis of the collaboration partner's agreement that have been so successful?
- what specific training need is being addressed by the collaboration?
- what exemplary or innovative aspects are a feature of the training collaboration?

### Criterion 2: Achievements of the collaboration for training (800 word limit)

- what are examples of excellence in the training delivered?
- what training outcomes have been achieved (including qualifications and skill sets awarded)?
- what improvements in the quality of learning and assessment have been implemented?
- what, if any, new or improved career pathways and opportunities have been created?

### Criterion 3: Training impacts of the collaboration (800 word limit)

- how has the collaboration benefited the participants, the community, and the collaborating organisations and the broader training system?
- what improvements in the processes/procedures of all collaborating organisations have been implemented?

- what contribution is there to social equity, especially increasing the participation of people from groups underrepresented in the industry or workplaces

### Criterion 4: Sustainability and future of the collaboration (800 word limit)

- what, if any, aspects of the collaboration utilises government funding? If so, how could the collaboration be continued if government funding ceased?
- how can the outcomes of the collaboration be replicated or modelled for other industries?
- what quality improvement/performance evaluations of the collaboration are in place and planned?

## Supporting Attachments

The award criteria should be the focus of your nomination; however, any relevant evidence may be provided to support your nomination. Any supporting attachment is to be referenced in your nomination. **A minimum of 2 and maximum of 10 single-page attachments.**

- » **CEO/MD Endorsement (This is an essential attachment)**  
An endorsement letter from the Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director of the organisation or company, supporting the nomination.
- » **Workplace/training action photos**  
Action photos of you in your workplace or in training.