



Industry Collaboration Award

Award Criteria

This award will be presented for exemplary skills development collaboration between an employer or industry body and, at least, one other organisation.

Eligibility

To nominate for the award, at least one party in the collaboration must be delivering nationally recognised training or directly contributing to the outcomes of nationally recognised training which leads to nationally recognised qualifications or Statements of Attainment under the Australian Qualifications Framework national training system

AND

- be the winner of an equivalent state or territory training award in 2012

*The 2012 state/territory winners of this category can nominate for the Australian Training Awards. The **original application** from winners of this category addressing the criteria below and submitted through state/territory training awards process will be used.*

*Applications to the state/territory training awards process are to be in 12 pt font and a **maximum of 20 pages A4 pages** (including attachments).*

Preparing your application

Section A: Overview

Provide an overview of the Industry Collaboration:

- Name of the collaboration, the lead organisation and each of the parties to the collaboration. NB: One of the parties must be an industry organisation – which can include an employer, an enterprise, or group of enterprises, an industry association, industry advisory body, trade union or professional association - and at least one party in the collaboration must be delivering nationally recognised training or directly contributing to the outcomes of nationally recognised training.
- Purpose and objectives of the collaboration.
- Origin of the collaboration or how the parties came together.
- Details of the environment in which the collaboration operates.
- How the collaboration functions in practice, including lines of communication among the parties to the collaboration.

Section B: Applicants will be judged against the following criteria:

Criterion 1: Extent to which the collaboration demonstrates outstanding practice (ie above and beyond standard practice)

Criterion 2: Achievements of the collaboration

Criterion 3: Impact of the collaboration

Criterion 4: Sustainability and future of the collaboration

Addressing the criteria

When developing your application against the award criteria, you may wish to take into account some of the considerations outlined below, if they are relevant to your organisation.

These considerations are not additional criteria, but are provided to give clarification of what may be relevant to include when writing against the criteria.

Criterion 1. Extent to which the collaboration demonstrates outstanding practice (ie: above and beyond standard practice)?

Consider:

- Excellence in training
- unique, exemplary or innovative aspects
- e-learning initiatives
- transformation in the lives of participants
- contribution to the advancement of the industry/community in which it operates

Criterion 2. Achievements of the collaboration

Consider:

- training outcomes achieved [including qualifications and skill sets awarded]
- improvements in the quality of learning and assessment
- creation of new or improved career pathways and opportunities
- contribution to improvements in the processes and procedures of the organisations in the collaboration
- contribution to social equity, especially increasing the participation of people from groups under-represented in the industry or workplaces generally
- can the outcomes of the collaboration be replicated or modelled for other industries

Criterion 3. Impact of the collaboration

Consider benefits accruing to:

- the enterprise and its employees
- individual participants
- organisation in the collaboration
- other Businesses/organisations
- community and/or region
- industry and/or industry sector
- RTOs and/or Training Authorities and the broader training system
- improved operating/productivity of the participating organisation

Criterion 4. Sustainability and future of the collaboration

Consider:

- demonstrated strong potential for the collaboration to be sustained in the future
- systems of quality improvement being utilised
- performance evaluation in place and planned
- contribution to environmental sustainability
- capacity to be replicated, plans for expansion or adoption in other settings and/or across industry and the training system

Note: in evaluating all the criteria, responses will be strengthened by the inclusion of measurable results and appropriate indicators.