

Hon David Pisoni MP Minister for Industry and Skills

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Finalists announced for 2018 South Australian Training Awards

Twenty-four individuals and eighteen organisations from across the state have been named finalists in the South Australian 2018 South Australian Training Awards for their achievements in vocational education and training.

The Minister for Industry and Skills David Pisoni said the winners of each category will be announced at the awards presentation on Friday 7 September 2018 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

“Congratulations to all the finalists who have been recognised for their achievements and excellence in our State’s vocational education and training sector,” said Minister Pisoni.

“The SA Training Awards celebrate successful individuals for their potential and boost their careers, and recognise and reward organisations for innovative and professional approaches to training.

“I encourage people to vote for their favourite individual finalists and share and spread the word to your networks.

“The awards, hosted by the State’s Training and Skills Commission, recognise and reward individuals who excel in training and organisations for excellence in training delivery.”

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

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

Voting is open for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student, Apprentice, School-based Apprentice, Trainee and Vocational Student categories, closing at midnight on Sunday 26 August.



“I would also like to make special mention of a nominee for the National Training Awards in the Lifetime Achievement Award category, Mr Arthur Walls of Walls Bros Designer Kitchens. Mr Walls has been nominated in recognition of his longstanding commitment to training apprentices in SA,” said Minister Pisoni.

“There has never been a better time in our state for training, with the \$200 million investment over four years to create an additional 20,000 apprenticeships and traineeships.”

To see a full list of finalists, to vote or to purchase tickets to the SA Training Awards presentation dinner visit www.satrainigawards.sa.gov.au

Training and Skills Commission Chair Michael Boyce said the calibre of entries this year has demonstrated exceptional quality across the breadth of the vocational education and training sector.

“The Training and Skills Commission looks forward to again hosting this year’s awards which will celebrate success in vocational education and training and acknowledge the achievements of our best and brightest students, trainers, training providers and employers,” said Mr Boyce.

The winners may go on to represent South Australia at the Australian Training Awards later in the year in Canberra.