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Lauga welcomes 59th annual Training Awards

Central Queensland's apprentices, trainers, VET students and employers can now nominate for the 59th annual Queensland Training Awards, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

Ms Lauga welcomed the opening of nominations for the prestigious statewide competition that will culminate in winners being announced at a gala event in Brisbane in September 2020.

"We want to see the best of our top training achievers recognised at this year's awards including apprentices, trainees, teachers, employers and training organisations," Ms Lauga said.

"Vocational education and training (VET) has never been so important as we know that nine out of 10 jobs predicted to grow over the next five years will require a VET qualification."

"I encourage everyone to get their entries in early. You can nominate yourself or be nominated in a one of 11 categories across the state's seven regions."

"These long-running and highly regarded training awards celebrate how vocational education and training launches careers, grows businesses and is key to making sure we have the highly skilled workforce we need for the jobs now and into the future."

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“Last year we had more than 860 nominations that led to 80 finalists for the Queensland Training Awards, 11 finalists in the Australian Training Awards and two national winners including TAFE Queensland for International Training Provider of the Year,” she said.

The Queensland Training Awards will host seven regional finals in July with 11 awards available and the winners will go on to the State Gala Dinner in September, along with finalists for the large and small training providers of the year and the Premier’s Industry Collaboration Award.

“If you know an inspirational apprentice, trainee, student, employer, teacher or trainer, community initiative or training provider, please nominate them as a way to reward their commitment and encourage them to keep working towards their goals,” Ms Lauga said.

For a full list of award categories, nomination details and eligibility criteria visit www.qta.qld.gov.au.

Applications are open until March 31 2019.

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