Applications for the 2011 NSW Training Awards opened on 29 November 2010 and close on 25 March 2011.

The NSW Training Awards are conducted every year by the NSW Department of Education and Training to recognise outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector. The Awards celebrate and reward the commitment and achievements of students, trainers/teachers, training organisations and employers.

All of the Individual Awards go through an initial selection process in one of our 11 regions. The regional winners are then invited to an interview at the State level and those winners announced at the NSW Training Awards gala presentation event in September 2011.

Participating in the NSW Training Awards is a professionally and personally rewarding experience. You could raise your profile in your community and industry, be offered new and exciting opportunities, build your confidence and presentation skills and meet like-minded people from a wide range of places and industries.

The Award categories are –

**Organisation Awards**
- Large Training Provider of the Year
- Small Training Provider of the Year
- Industry Collaboration Award (New award in 2011!)
- Small Employer of the Year
- Large Employer of the Year
- VET in Schools Excellence Award (NSW award only)

**Individual Awards**
- Apprentice of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
- Vocational Student of the Year
- School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year
- VET in Schools Student of the Year (NSW award only)
- VET Trainer/Teacher of the Year (New award in 2011!)

The VET Trainer/Teacher of the Year Award and the Industry Collaboration Award are new categories in 2011.

The 2011 NSW Training Awards Presentation Event will be held on 15 September 2011 in the Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

For more information on eligibility, application forms, past winners and the presentation event, please go to our website [www.trainingawards.nsw.gov.au](http://www.trainingawards.nsw.gov.au)