



National VET Awards

A. Categories

1. Distinguished VET Educator Award

Recognises outstanding VET educators who create meaningful, applied, and inspiring learning experiences in vocational subjects.

2. Distinguished VET Technical Staff Award

Acknowledges exceptional technical staff who support practical learning, workshops, labs, and studios within VET settings.

3. Distinguished Educational Leadership in VET Award

Celebrates leaders who promote excellence, collaboration and high-quality practice in vocational education.

4. Distinguished VET Promotion Award

Recognises entities, including schools, that demonstrate outstanding commitment to promoting VET within compulsory education and encourage student engagement in vocational learning.

5. Distinguished VET Student Project Award

Highlights outstanding student projects demonstrating creativity and applied skills in VET.

6. Distinguished VET Excellence Student Award

Awards a student who demonstrates exceptional VET skills, growth and dedication in any VET area.

7. Distinguished VET Social Responsibility Project Award

Recognises a VET-related school project that demonstrates exceptional commitment to social responsibility and community impact.



B. Eligibility for Nominees

1. Distinguished VET Educator Award

Nominees must:

- be in a teaching grade and hold a teachers' warrant, currently teaching in a licensed state or non-state school.

2. Distinguished VET Technical Staff Award

Nominees must:

- be VET technicians or in industrial grades that support directly VET subjects in a licensed state or non-state school.

3. Distinguished Educational Leadership in VET Award

Nominees must:

- form part of the School Leadership Team in a licensed state or non-state school.

4. Distinguished VET Promotion Award

Nominees must:

- be licensed state or non-state schools and other entities that actively promote VET through initiatives, events, or practices that increase visibility and student engagement.

5. Distinguished VET Student Project Award

Project nominations must:

- be those led by an individual VET student, a group, a class or an educator/s.
- show exceptional creativity, sustainable practices, digital innovation, and/or meaningful applied skills.



6. Distinguished VET Excellence Student Award

Nominees must:

- be secondary school students enrolled in a VET subject in state and non-state licensed school.
- demonstrate exceptional performance, commitment, or growth.

7. Distinguished VET Social Responsibility Project Award

Nominated Projects must:

- be those led by a school, an individual VET student, a group, a class or an educator/s with clear community or social impact.

NB: Directors General, Directors, Assistant Directors, and Education Officers are **not eligible** for nomination in any of the above categories.

C. Submission Process

- Nominations can only be submitted online through the designated registration link provided in the letter circular.
- Multiple nominations by the same nominator are accepted.
- Each nomination form must include only one nominee.
- Nominations will only be accepted during the stipulated dates: Monday 23rd February 2026 to Friday 20th March 2026.
- Nominations will remain completely confidential unless placed in the top three positions.
- All nominations must include the correct and complete information requested in the registration form.
- Nominations are valid only for this edition of the National VET Awards.
- DSVP reserves the right to reproduce information, photos, or any other content related to nominees' applications in promotional and published material once the adjudication process is complete and winners are announced.
- Nominators are responsible for ensuring that appropriate consent forms and authorisation for the use of information, photos, and images of students or third parties are obtained.



D. Adjudication

All nominations received by the deadline will be reviewed for eligibility by the adjudication panel. Late applications will not be considered.

The decisions of the adjudication panel are final and not subject to appeal or challenge.

The adjudication panel will evaluate all eligible nominations based on the criteria below:

1. Distinguished VET Educator Award

- **Quality of Teaching** – Evidence of effective, engaging, and relevant VET teaching methods.
- **Innovation** – Use of creative or innovative strategies that enhance vocational learning.
- **Student Impact** – Clear positive outcomes on student engagement, skills, progress, or achievement.
- **Industry Relevance** – Alignment of teaching with real-world practices, tools, or industry standards.
- **Professional Commitment** – Contribution to continuous improvement, collaboration, or sharing of good practice.

2. Distinguished VET Technical Staff Award

- **Technical Expertise** – Demonstrates competence in supporting VET workshops, labs, or studios.
- **Reliability & Safety** – Ensuring safe, organised, and efficient learning environments.
- **Support to Educators** – Supports VET teachers in ways that directly enhance students' practical learning experiences.
- **Exceptional Commitment** – Provides support that significantly exceeds normal duties, contributing to an exceptional learning environment.
- **Initiative & Problem-Solving** – Ability to anticipate needs, solve issues, and improve processes.

3. Distinguished Educational Leadership in VET Award

- **Vision & Direction** – Clear leadership promoting high-quality VET within the school.
- **Support for Educators** – Actions that empower, guide, or professionally support VET teachers.
- **Promotion of VET** – Leads initiatives that promote VET within the school and create a positive culture around vocational learning.
- **Collaboration** – Effective partnerships within the school, community, or industry.
- **Impact on School Culture** – Evidence of improvements in student engagement, VET visibility, and whole-school support.



4. Distinguished VET Promotion Award

- **Visibility of VET** – Quality of initiatives that highlight and promote VET subjects.
- **Student Engagement** – Evidence that more students participate or show interest in VET.
- **Creativity of Promotion** – Innovative methods used to showcase vocational learning.
- **Industry Engagement** – Establishes strong links with industry to provide opportunities, expertise, or authentic exposure for VET students.
- **Sustainability of Initiatives** – Long-term impact or continuation of promotion efforts.

5. Distinguished VET Student Project Award

- **Creativity & Innovation** – Originality, creativity, or novel ideas in the project.
- **Applied Skills** – Quality of hands-on vocational skills demonstrated.
- **Sustainability or Digitalisation** – Effective integration of sustainable practices or digital tools.
- **Execution & Presentation** – Overall quality, clarity, and professionalism of the final project.
- **Impact** – Beneficial to the class, school, community, or learning experience.

6. Distinguished VET Excellence Student Award

- **Educational Achievement** – Overall performance in VET tasks.
- **Growth & Progress** – Demonstrated improvement and consistent effort.
- **Commitment & Work Ethic** – Reliability, participation, and dedication.
- **Applied Skills** – Ability to apply practical, hands-on vocational skills effectively.
- **Positive Attitude & Collaboration** – Contribution to group work, teamwork, and class culture.

7. Distinguished VET Social Responsibility Project Award

- **Community/Social Impact** – Clear benefit to the community or a defined social purpose, supported through a whole-school approach.
- **Relevance to VET** – Strong connection to vocational skills, tools, or practices.
- **Creativity & Innovation** – Original ideas, solutions, or approaches to social challenges.
- **Execution & Organisation** – Quality of planning, implementation, and execution.
- **Sustainability** – Evidence that the project has lasting, meaningful, or ongoing impact.

E. Awards Ceremony

- All eligible nominees will receive a Certificate of Nomination.
- The winning nominee within each award category will receive an official VET Award Token during a National VET Awards Ceremony.