# industry collaboration award

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| **2019 Key Timeline** | |
| **February** | Nominations open |
| **17 May, midnight** | Nominations close |
| **May** | Eligibility and evaluation commences |
| **June** | Judging |
| **July** | Successful and unsuccessful nominees notified |
| **July** | Finalist interviews |
| **early September** | Victorian Training Awards |
| **November** | Australian Training Awards |

## Eligibility

To nominate for the Industry Collaboration Award:

* at least one party must be an industry organisation (e.g. employer, enterprise, group of enterprises, industry association, industry advisory body, trade union or professional association)
* at least one party must be delivering nationally recognised training or directly contributing to the outcomes of nationally recognised training which leads to formal qualifications or Statements of Attainment under the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Collaboration vs. Partnership

A ‘**collaboration**’ is where two or more entities work together to achieve shared goals.

A ‘**partnership**’ is a business structure where two or more parties enter a contractual relationship in which they can legally share profits, risks and losses according to terms set out in their partnership agreement.

The key difference between a collaboration and a partnership is that parties who work collaboratively do not necessarily need to be bound contractually. This award is to recognise outstanding collaborations, not partnerships.

The winner of this category will represent Victoria at the Australian Training Awards in Brisbane in November.

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# PREPARING YOUR NOMINATION

## Section A: Overview

Provide an overview of the collaboration, including:

* the name of the collaboration
* the lead organisation and each of the parties involved in the collaboration
* the purpose and objectives of the collaboration
* the origin of the collaboration (how the parties came together)
* the details of the environment in which the collaboration operates
* how the collaboration functions in practice, including lines of communication between the parties in the collaboration.

The information may be used as part of your profile summary throughout the Awards process but **will not** be used for judging purposes.

**The overview is limited to 500 words**

**Section B: SELECTION Criteria**

Present information in a way that clearly addresses each criterion.

Your response to the criteria will be strengthened by the inclusion of measurable results and appropriate indicators (including customer satisfaction data and other types of external validation).

The considerations provided are not additional criteria, but can be used to help you clarify what relevant information to include.

**Each criteriON is LImited to 800 words**

**Supporting evidence**

Supporting evidence must include:

* up to five (relevant) photographs showcasing the organisation or initiative
* the organisation’s full colour logo in png, jpeg or eps version
* a signed copy of the Business Endorsement by the Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director of the organisation.

Additional supporting evidence, **up to a maximum of ten pages** may also be attached in support of your nomination.

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**Criterion 1: Outstanding practice of the collaboration**

Describe the extent to which the collaboration goes above and beyond standard practice in training and skills development. For example, you may consider:

* an example of training excellence
* what unique, exemplary or innovative aspects have been implemented
* any e-learning initiatives in your program
* transformation in the lives of participants
* the contribution the training makes to the advancement of the industry and community in which it operates.

**Criterion 2: Achievements of the collaboration for training**

Consider:

* the training outcomes achieved (including qualifications and skill sets awarded)
* improvements in the quality of learning and assessment
* the links in place for the creation of new or improved career pathways and opportunities
* a contribution to social equity, especially increasing the participation of people from groups under-represented in the industry or workplaces generally
* if the outcomes of the collaboration can be replicated or modelled for other industries.

**Criterion 3: Training impacts of the collaboration**

Consider the benefits to the:

* employer or industry body and its employees
* organisations delivering nationally recognised training
* individuals involved in the collaboration
* community and/or region
* industry and/or industry sector
* relevant Training Authority and the broader TAFE and training sector
* improvements in the processes or procedures of all collaborating organisations.

**Criterion 4: Sustainability and future of the collaboration**

Consider:

* the potential for the collaboration to be sustained in the future
* the systems of quality improvement being utilised by the collaboration
* any performance evaluations of the collaboration that are in place and planned
* what ways the collaboration is contributing to environmental sustainability
* the capacity for the collaboration to be replicated
* any plans for expansion or adoption in other settings.

**NOMINATION ASSISTANCE**

We aim to make the nomination process as simple and as streamlined as possible. We are just a phone call or email away and can put you in touch with a writer if you need help in drafting your nomination.