# Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an outstanding VET graduate that is excelling in their career. Please complete the form and return it by email to championing.industry@education.vic.gov.au.

## Overview of the VET Champions Initiative

Successful VET Champions will be inspiring role models for secondary school students and their families in 2022. Nominations are encouraged from all industries, in all locations across Victoria, and from all backgrounds. Whether they are near the beginning of their careers after finishing their vocational study or established leaders seeking to mentor the next generation.

## What does a VET Champion do?

VET Champions will inspire students and families to pursue vocational careers and pathways through:

* Involvement in high-profile events on a statewide or local scale which may include speaking at events, participation in panel discussions, engagement with students at school events or at TAFE and other providers.
* Digital case studies published on the Department’s website which highlights their career path and employer.
* Social media, QandA articles, promotional campaigns.

## Who is a VET Champion?

The VET Champions initiative is looking to highlight individuals who:

* Have completed a VET pathway – either at school or after school, for example, by completing an apprenticeship, traineeship or a certificate at a local TAFE or RTO.
* Love their career and want to help students, teachers and parents learn more about the opportunities that VET pathways can bring.
* Are in an entry level or established role in their field, and can connect with high school students and their aspirations. This includes people who have had both successes and setbacks along the way.

## What support will VET Champions have?

The VET Champions will be supported at every stage of the initiative, including through specialised training in public speaking and media relations to confidently articulate their unique career path. Nominees do not need to be strong public speakers before joining the program.

In special circumstances, there may be alternatives for highly successful VET Champions to be featured on the website only, without in-person attendance at events.

Local and statewide organisations will also be on hand to support VET Champions and brief them on upcoming events or opportunities; whether that’s the Department of Education and Training or the Local Learning and Employment Network.

## What is the expected time commitment?

It is expected that all VET Champions are available for one day at program commencement to complete training, and a half-day at their workplace to complete a digital profile and film video content. The average participation is then up to four days per year to attend events.

## Nominating a VET Champion

VET Champions can be nominated by their employer, their former teacher, a local organisation, or a friend or colleague. To do so, simply fill out the tables below.

Each nominee will go through a selection process and be notified of the outcome. Shortlisted nominees will be interviewed, and successful nominees will become recognised VET Champions.

## Consent and confidentiality

By completing this form, you agree that consent has been given by the nominee to share their contact details with the Department of Education and Training, which will be used to contact them regarding the initiative.

All personal or descriptive data collected is for the purpose of selecting VET Champions, and may be used in a de-identified aggregate form for any research purposes associated with this initiative (and not for any other purpose). It will be stored securely within the Department.

## How to nominate

Please complete the table below (\* indicates a required field) and return this form by email to championing.industry@education.vic.gov.au.

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| VET Champion nomination details |
| \* Name |  |
| Preferred Honorific (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, etc) |  |
| \* Email address |  |
| Phone number |  |
| \* Gender | [ ]  | Woman |
|  | [ ]  | Man |
|  | [ ]  | Other (please specify): |
| \* Age  | [ ]  | Under 18yo |
|  | [ ]  | 18-24yo |
|  | [ ]  | 25-35yo |
|  | [ ]  | 36-45yo |
|  | [ ]  | Over 45yo |
| \* Location (suburb or postcode) |  |
| VET Champion nomination  |
| \* Description of the nomination  |
| Please describe why the nominee would be a great VET Champion. This may include their career journey, career highlights, any achievements or awards, any current or past participation in similar initiatives (400 words max). |
| VET Champion career details |
| Job title |  |
| \* Employer business / organisation name |  |
| Employer contact name |  |
| Employer contact email |  |
| \* Employer address (suburb only) |  |
| Qualification (if known) |  |
| Industry | [ ]  | Business services (includes professional services, international education, creative industries) |
| [ ]  | Community services and health |
| [ ]  | Construction (includes construction technologies) |
| [ ]  | Electro technology and electrical (includes new energy technologies) |
| [ ]  | Manufacturing (includes medical technologies, pharmaceuticals, transport technology, defence technologies, space technologies) |
| [ ]  | Primary industry (includes food and fibre, and Victoria’s racing industry) |
| [ ]  | Public safety, public sector, corrections, water and local government |
| [ ]  | Resources, forestry, pulp and paper |
| [ ]  | Service industry (includes retail and visitor economies) |
| [ ]  | Transport and logistics (includes distribution and postal) |
| [ ]  | Other Please specify: |
| VET Champion personal details (optional) |
| Does the nominee speak a language other than English at home? | [ ]  | Yes |
| [ ]  | No |
| [ ]  | Prefer not to say |
| Does the nominee identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? | [ ]  | No |
| [ ]  | Yes, Aboriginal |
| [ ]  | Yes, Torres Strait Islander |
| [ ]  | Prefer not to say |
| Does the nominee have a disability? | [ ]  | Yes |
| [ ]  | No |
| [ ]  | Prefer not to say |
| Contact details of the person submitting the nomination (optional) |
| Name |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone number |  |
| \* Do you consent to being contacted by DET for further information on your nomination?  | [ ]  | Yes | [ ]  | No |
| Victorian Training Awards (optional) |
| Are you aware of the Victorian Training Awards?  | [ ]  | Yes | [ ]  | No |
| Would you like to receive information about the Victorian Training Awards? | [ ]  | Yes | [ ]  | No |

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