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| Higher Education and Skills Group**Participation Branch Memo****Department of Education and Training** |

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**FROM:** Ryan Collins,Director - Participation Branch

**DATE:** 04 / 10 / 2017

**SUBJECT:** *People’s choice voting opens in Victorian Training Awards*

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* *The Victorian community have the opportunity to vote for the People’s Choice Award for Apprentice of the Year*
* *Voting for the People’s Choice Award has opened and closes at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11 October 2017.*
* *To* v*ote please go to*: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vtavote.aspx>

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The 63rd annual Victorian Training Awards recognise and honour the outstanding achievements of vocational education and training students, teachers, training providers and employers.

The Victorian community have the opportunity to vote for the People’s Choice Award at this year’s Victorian Training Awards.

The People's Choice Award will be presented to a finalist from the Apprentice of the Year category, and the public are invited to cast their vote online.

The winner will be announced at the Victorian Training Awards on the 11 October at Crown Palladium, showcasing achievements, best practice and innovation in training, placing finalists and winners centre stage as the best in Victoria.

The apprentice who receives the most votes in the People Choice will receive a 13 inch Macbook worth $2,500.

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Further information regarding the VTA and the nomination and judging process can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vta.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vta.aspx)