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# MTA Institute wins Queensland Small Training Provider of the Year Award

The MTA Institute (RTO No. 31529) has been announced as the Small Training Provider of the Year at the annual Queensland Training Awards held on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

MTA Institute is the largest independent Registered Training Organisation (RTO) for automotive apprenticeships and trainees in Queensland with over 2,000 students located throughout the state. Established in 1975, the MTA Institute has grown to be the leading automotive training provider offering a full suite of nationally accredited automotive qualifications, as well as a long list of non-accredited and short industry courses.

The Queensland Training Awards has been operating for 58 years and recognises individuals and organisations that strive for and have achieved success, best practice and innovation in vocational education and training (VET).

Mr Paul Kulpa, General Manager of the MTA Institute said, "We are absolutely thrilled to win this award.

"The Queensland Training Awards is the epitome of what VET should be and it is incredibly humbling for MTA Institute to be recognised at this very high level. It is not just the quality of training that we are so proud to deliver through our exceptional team of highly experienced trainers, it is all the "extras" we offer. We set the bar really high in our provision of service excellence and is evidenced by our support for the apprentice mentor program, graduation ceremonies, motorsport in-road opportunities, access to scholarships and offering cutting-edge courses in areas like hybrid electric vehicles.

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“This award belongs to our staff and trainers who are the hardest working group of people I’ve had the pleasure of working with and who are always willing to go above and beyond to help students and employers.”

Minister for Training and Skills Development Shannon Fentiman said, “I congratulate all the winners and nominees from around the state for their hard work and devotion, and for helping to strengthen Queensland’s VET sector.”

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**Background:**

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair and service sectors of Queensland’s automotive / mobility industry. There are some 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive / mobility industry to all levels of Government and within Queensland’s economic structure.

The Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry through the **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest private automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ACPET Industry Certification Program.

**MTAiQ**, Australia’s first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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