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Applications Open for Round One of Automotive Trainer Scholarship

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) is delighted to launch the first round of the VET Trainer Scholarship program for 2022.

Created to help address the skills shortage that exists across the automotive industry in Queensland, the VET Trainer Scholarship will award two aspiring trainers the opportunity to undertake a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116) course, valued at \$2,500.

Each round, one female and one male candidate will be extended the chance to complete the highly sought-after course fully funded, through which they will learn the skills to develop and deliver training in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector.

MTA Institute General Manager Paul Kulpa said, "We have seen strong interest in the industry from those looking to upskill and begin their journey as automotive trainers.

"MTA Queensland is committed to progressing the careers of those within the industry and ensuring that we have skilled and experienced trainers teaching and inspiring the next generation. Last year saw our program double and we hope to continue delivering these opportunities in the future."

The scholarship is open to all Queensland-based, trade-qualified automotive professionals who possess at least 5-years post-apprenticeship experience in any of the following automotive areas – Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, Auto Electrical, Motorcycle, Mobile Plant, Agricultural, Parts Interpreting, Outdoor Power Equipment, Automotive Body Repair & Refinishing, and Underbody.

The scholarship is now open. Applications will close COB 1 March 2022.

To check eligibility criteria, and to nominate for the scholarship, click [here](#).

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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 industry. MTA Queensland has been performing its vital representative role for the automotive industry since 1929. In Queensland there are some 15,500 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to all levels of government. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor's Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

The **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry. The MTA Institute is the largest independent automotive training provider 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 ITECA Industry Certification Program and was the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

MTAiQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an ecosystem that supports innovation and research for the motor trades.

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