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Upskilling the Industry with MTA Queensland's VET Trainer Scholarship

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) is proud to announce that applications for the VET Trainer Scholarship are now open.

Launched back in 2021 to help address the industry's skill shortage, the VET Trainer Scholarship provides two ambitious technicians the opportunity to undertake a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40122), valued at up to \$2,500.

Designed to teach the skills and knowledge to deliver training in the vocational education and training sector, participants will learn skills in designing, conducting, and assessing, while also receiving knowledge in how to facilitate and evaluate the impacts of various programs.

Each round, one female and one male candidate will have the chance to undertake the highly-sought after course and take the next step in their career.

MTA Group CEO Rod Camm said, "MTA Queensland is committed to progressing the careers of those within the automotive industry, and we are extremely pleased to continue this scholarship offering into 2023.

"Especially with the ongoing shortage of skilled labour, it is fantastic to see such strong interest from industry looking to grow professionally and take on new opportunities."

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.

Applications will close COB 28 February 2023.

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 16,000 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$7.24 billion to the state economy annually. The automotive industry is estimated to contribute \$37 billion to the Australian economy each year. 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 eco-system that supports innovation and research for the motor trades.

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