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New Scholarship Announced For Automotive Tradies

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland and MTA Institute (RTO 31529) have announced they will be awarding two full scholarships per year for trade-qualified automotive employees.

The MTA Queensland VET Scholarship will award the recipients with a fully funded Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116), which will allow the participant to progress their career into automotive training.

To be eligible, the recipient must be a Queensland resident, have completed a minimum of 5 years post apprenticeship automotive industry experience and have completed a trade in 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.

MTA Institute General Manager Paul Kulpa, has launched the scholarships due to an identified skills shortage in automotive, which has led to an increase in demand for experienced automotive trainers.

"The automotive industry is suffering a massive shortage in skilled trainers, who are needed to educate our future automotive professionals.

"The MTA Institute supports career advancement for automotive employees and the launch of this scholarship shows our commitment to progressing the careers of those within the automotive industry, while also addressing the larger skills shortage issue," Mr Kulpa said.

The scholarship is open now and applications close 1 March 2021.

To check eligibility criteria or to apply for the scholarship, [view 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 / 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. 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 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 independent 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 ITECA Industry Certification Program and was announced the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

MTA*i*Q, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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