GTNT GROUP

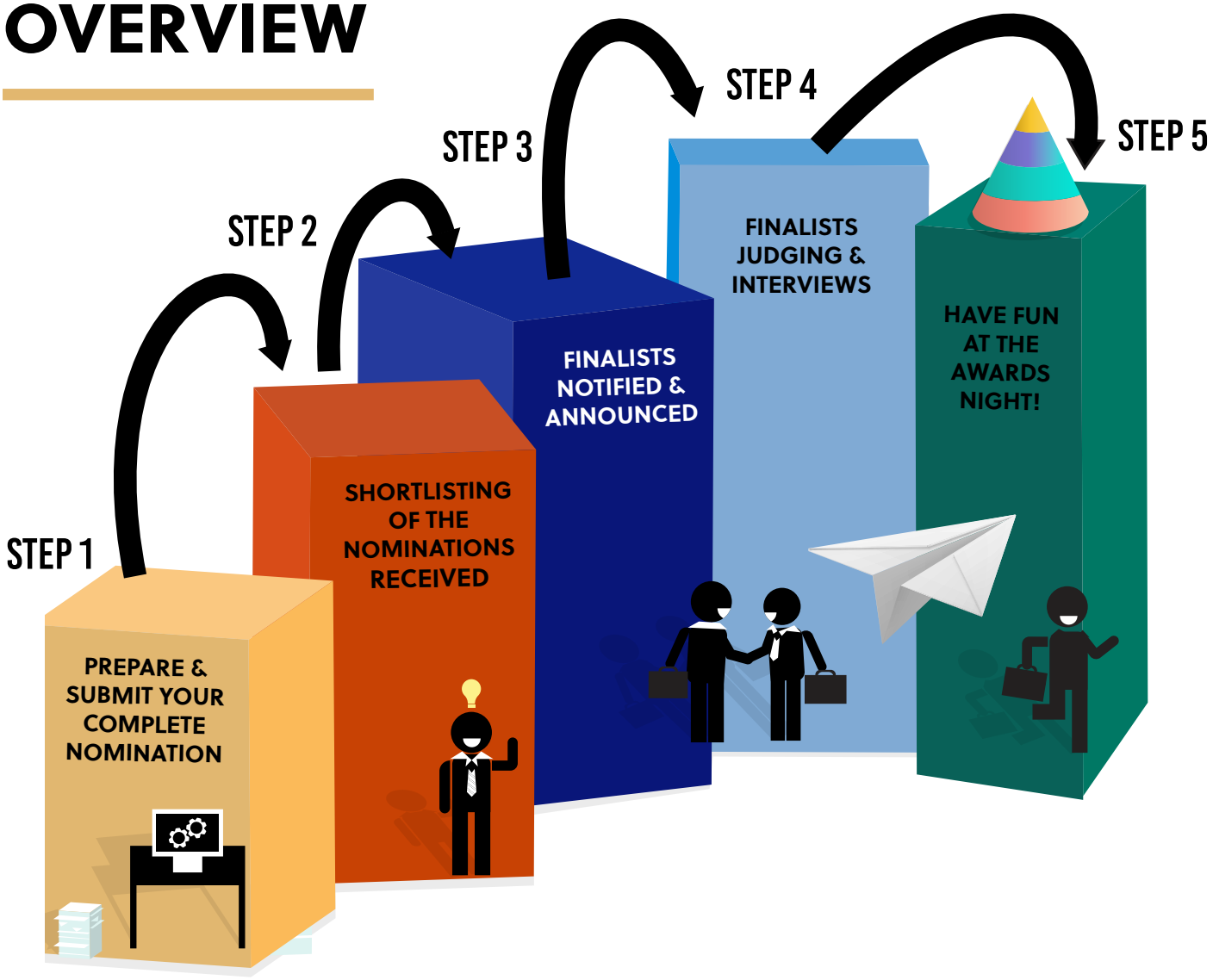
2027 AWARDS CEREMONY

2027 NOMINATION INFORMATION PACK



BE PART OF THE BEST COMMUNITY EVENT IN THE NT

OVERVIEW



CHECKLIST

Before submitting your nomination online, please check:

1. **You are a permanent resident of Australia and reside in the NT.**
2. **All of the questions have been individually addressed within the word count applicable for each section. Prepare this in a Word document/similar prior to starting the online form.**
3. **The nomination in its entirety has been completed by you.**
4. **The nomination is endorsed by your employer.**
5. **The nomination is endorsed by your Registered Training Organisation (if applicable).**
6. **Be prepared to sign a talent release.**
7. **You have photos and digital copies of certificates, awards etc. ready to attach to your nomination.**
8. **You and your employer acknowledge if shortlisted you must be available to attend the judging process.**
9. **You and your employer acknowledge should you be a finalist, you must be available to attend the GTNT Group Awards Ceremony on Friday, 9 JULY 2027. Not attending = forfeiting finalist position.**
10. **Must be able to have FUN! NON-NEGOTIABLE!**

EVENT INFORMATION

EVENT	GTNT Group Awards
PURPOSE	Celebrating training excellence and achievements of GTNT Group's GTO apprentices, trainees, supervisors and Host Businesses/employers.
EVENT DATE	Friday, 9 July 2027
EVENT TIME	6pm - 11pm
VENUE	The Lawns, Mindil Beach Casino Resort, Darwin
DRESS	Territory Formal
AGENDA	Pre-dinner drinks and canapes from 6pm, followed by alternate drop main and dessert. Awards Presentation commences at 6.30pm and concludes at 10:30pm.
ATTENDEES	Local and interstate business and industry executives, apprentices and trainees from across the Northern Territory.
TICKETS	$230 per ticket or $2,000 for a table of 10. (Ticket Price excludes the Humanitix platform booking fee)

KEY DATES

NOMINATIONS OPEN	23 November 2026
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	7 March 2027
FINALISTS ANNOUNCED	22 March 2027
TICKETS ON SALE	9 April 2027
INDIVIDUAL JUDGING & FILMING	April / May 2027
TICKETS CLOSE	18 June 2027

**Dates are subject to change*

WATCH THE 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All nominees will need to read and agree to the Conditions of Entry prior to submitting their nomination.
2. The closing time and date for all nominations is 10pm, 7 March 2027. No nomination will be accepted after this date.
3. Nominees for individual categories must be either employed or managed by GTNT Group's GTO.
4. Nominees for Host Business/Supervisor categories must be an active employer at the time of the event with apprentices/trainees wither employed or managed by GTNT Group's GTO.
5. All nominees must complete a nomination form and answer all questions. You may ask your Employment Specialist for assistance in completing your nomination.
6. Nominees must meet all other eligibility criteria.
7. Nominees must agree to abide by the decision of the judging panel, which is final and cannot be appealed.
8. Finalists must agree for their photographs, profiles and training details to be used for promotional purposes by GTNT Group and their host business.
9. Finalists must be prepared to be involved in promotional events and activities if required.
10. Finalists must be available for the judging interview, filming and attendance of the GTNT Group Awards Night. (Filming content is used to create a short video for the night)
11. Winners of individual categories must be prepared to present a short speech upon receiving their award.

!! Winners and Runner Up's of selected categories will be nominated for their respective eligible categories at the NT Training Awards. GTNT Group will contact you to discuss your nomination in the lead up to the NT Training Awards Ceremony.

Nominees may also be eligible to be nominated by GTNT Group for other industry awards such as: NAWIC NT Awards, MasterBuilders NT EBC Awards, HIA Awards, NT News WOTY and more.

NT INDUSTRY AWARDS

Construction & Building
MasterBuilders NT EBC Awards
HIA NT Housing Awards
HIA NT Building Women Awards
ETU National Apprentice of the Year
NECA SA/NT Awards
AIRAH Awards
RHEEM Apprentice Plumber Grants
CCF NT Earth Awards / Trainee & Apprentice Award

Hospitality & Catering
Restaurant & Catering Awards for Excellence
Hospitality NT Aristocrat Technologies Awards for Excellence
Hospitality NT Gold Plate Awards

Skills & Industry Specific Recognition
NT Training Awards
TIO MTA Automotive Awards SA/NT
NT Young Achiever Awards
NT Education and Care Awards
Women in Resources Awards
AMIC Apprentice of the Year
WorldSkills Regions NT
NT News Woman of the Year
NT News Leader of the Year

Digital, Media & Design
NT Digital Excellence Awards
ProPrint Awards
BCS IT & Digital Apprenticeship Awards

THE USE OF AI



Let's clear the air first: YES we use AI. And while we encourage a polished version of nomination, you need to ask yourself when is it overkill? Pretty much when you sound like a robot and you've made it so perfect that you've left yourself with zero personality.

Imagine the shortlisting panel having to read 100 of these. 🔃

> Hi, I'm Tom Jones, and I'm currently completing my Certificate III in Electrotechnology with GTNT Group. I chose to do an electrical apprenticeship because I've always been fascinated by how things work—and I love hands-on work. I enjoy the challenge of figuring out how circuits and systems operate—and every job teaches me something new.
>
> "I love seeing the results of my work make a real difference for people," I often say. I really value the guidance I get from experienced electricians—it's incredible to learn from people with years of knowledge in the trade. I feel proud knowing I'm building skills that will last my whole career—and I'm excited for all the opportunities ahead in this field.

Yep, that was AI right? Easy giveaways. Just so we're clear: NO, Tom doesn't exist and YES AI can hallucinate and make stuff up. **Please check your prompts and check that the information is factually correct.** Easy peasy lemon squeezy. 😊

CATEGORIES

1. INSTITUTE OF SKILLS AND TRAINING AUSTRALIA – STUDENT OF THE YEAR

- Completing/completed a Certificate II or above qualification through ISTA between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.

2. SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE/TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

- Completing/completed a Certificate II or above qualification through an Australian School-Based apprenticeship or traineeship between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.
- Must have a Training Contract registered with the NT Training Authority – Apprenticeships NT.

3. PRELUDE TO THE FUTURE OUTSTANDING SHELL APPRENTICE

- Must have commenced their apprenticeship in the Prelude to the Future 7 Program
- Must have completed Stage 1 (26-week milestone) of the program.
- Must have a Training Contract registered with the NT Training Authority – Apprenticeships NT.

4 - 6. OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE - STAGE 1 / STAGE 2 / STAGE 3

- Must have completed first, second or third year of apprenticeship/traineeship between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.
- Must have a Training Contract registered with the NT Training Authority – Apprenticeships NT.

7. OUTSTANDING FEMALE APPRENTICE OR TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

- Open to any female apprentice or trainee at any stage of their training, currently doing a trade qualification.

8 - 10. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENT OF THE YEAR / TRAINEE OF THE YEAR / APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

- Must have completed or be due to complete your apprenticeship/traineeship between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027
- Must have a Training Contract registered with the NT Training Authority – Apprenticeships NT.

11. HOST BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Small Employer (1-99 employees) | Large Employer (100+ employees)

- Must have a GTNT Group Apprentice (managed/employed) hosted to your workplace between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.
- Must have been engaged as a Host Business or Supervisor prior to 1 July 2026.

12. SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

- Must have a GTNT Group Apprentice (managed/employed) hosted to your workplace between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.
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- INSTITUTE OF SKILLS AND TRAINING AUSTRALIA – STUDENT OF THE YEAR
- PRELUDE TO THE FUTURE OUTSTANDING SHELL APPRENTICE
- OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE - STAGE 1
- OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE - STAGE 2
- OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE - STAGE 3



QUESTIONS

Read the questions and prepare your answers in a Word document prior to submitting it online.

1. ABOUT ME (150 WORDS)

- Tell us about yourself, hobbies, interests etc. Let your personality shine through! (not the AI-perfected version)

2. CAREER & TRAINING (300 WORDS)

- Why did you choose to undertake an apprenticeship/traineeship? Tell us why it was the right choice for you?
- What are some of the highlights from your training/workplace so far, and how has it changed/impacted your life?
- Have you had any personal or professional challenges that have impacted your training? Tell us about it!

3. WORKPLACE & LEADERSHIP (250 WORDS)

- Describe the personal qualities you think are important to complete your apprenticeship/traineeship?
- How do you show these qualities in the workplace?
- What makes your team/workplace special?
- What makes a great apprentice/trainee/student in the workplace? Tell us about it!

4. COMMUNITY, INDUSTRY & ADVOCACY (200 WORDS)

- What have you been able to tell others, family, work mates, employers etc. about VET?
- Have you had any community or industry involvement? Tell us about it! (example sports, volunteering, speaking opportunitites, presentations, memberships, events, professional development etc.)

5. GOALS & THE FUTURE (150 WORDS)

- Future goals and aspirations?
- Your achievements outside of study and work. Tell us about it!

Example: Once I've completed I want to buy a house, study another qualification, start a business and employ my own apprentices, become the mayor! Spill the tea!

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CATEGORIES:

- SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE/TRAINEE OF THE YEAR
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2. CAREER & TRAINING (350 WORDS)

- What led you to choose an apprenticeship pathway - Tell us why it was the right choice for you?
- What are some of the highlights from your training/workplace so far, and how has it changed/impacted your life?
- Have you had to address any challenges that have impacted your training? This can be personal or professional challenges – we'd love to hear how you navigated them!
- Describe the personal qualities you have that make you a great apprentice/trainee?
- How would you describe the quality of your training? Talk about your workplace and RTO training experience.

3. WORKPLACE & LEADERSHIP (350 WORDS)

- Describe the personal qualities you think are important to complete your apprenticeship/traineeship?
- How do you show these qualities in the workplace?
- What makes your team/workplace special?
- Give us an example of how you have demonstrated leadership in the workplace?
- Tell us how you use your initiative. Example in your training, your personal life or your workplace.

4. COMMUNITY, INDUSTRY & ADVOCACY (350 WORDS)

- What have you been able to tell others, family, work mates, employers etc. about VET?
- Have you had any community or industry involvement? Tell us about it! (example sports, volunteering, speaking opportunities, presentations, memberships, events, professional development etc.)
- Tell us about your experience as a leader in your personal or professional life.
- What makes VET a great pathway? – How do you advocate for the VET sector, what do you think is great about it?
- If you were successful in winning this award, how would you use your win to advocate for VET in the community?

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CATEGORY:

HOST BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Small Employer | Large Employer

QUESTIONS

Read the questions and prepare your answers in a Word document prior to submitting it online.

1. OVERVIEW (400 WORDS)

Provide a short overview of why you are nominating for this award, and an overview of your business.

- What makes you a great host business?
- Tell us about the total number of apprentices you have employed, qualified tradesman you have produced or provided structured work placement to.
- Are you involved in any industry councils/committees? Tell us about them!
- How has GTNT Group supported your business and apprentices/trainees?

2. DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS TO TRAINING AND INDUSTRY (400 WORDS)

- What is your current percentage of your workforce that are actively engaged in training? What are the qualifications or courses they are undertaking?
- Tell us about the training organisations that are delivering the training.
- Briefly tell us how you take an innovative training approach. What makes your workplace unique? (e.g. mentoring, e-learning, collaborative learning)

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CATEGORY:

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

QUESTIONS

Read the questions and prepare your answers in a Word document prior to submitting it online.

1. OVERVIEW (400 WORDS)

Provide a short overview of why you are nominating for this award, detail your current and past apprentices, their industry and qualification.

2. DEMONSTRATE ACHIEVEMENTS TO TRAINING AND INDUSTRY (400 WORDS)

- Tell us about your industry experience, qualifications and career journey.
- Explain your motivation for training and mentoring apprentices/trainees. Mention any training success stories.
- Briefly tell us how you positively impacted apprentices/trainees in the workplace.
- How has GTNT Group supported your apprentices/trainees?

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