



APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Apprentices play an integral role and make an enormous contribution to the industry. Our industry, by recognising the best apprentices at both state and national level, let them know that we are looking for professional trades people and will recognise their excellence through these Awards. Apprentice Awards are open to all apprentices employed by members of the Australian Glass & Window Association (AGWA).

The Apprentice of the Year Award will be judged at a state level. The state Apprentice of the Year winners will then go on to be judged at the national level by competing in a practical CAPSTONE showcase where the National Award winner will be determined.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Apprentice of the Year

This Award is presented to a 3rd or 4th year apprentice, who is able to demonstrate a high level of capability and consistently demonstrates quality workmanship.

To be eligible for this Award the apprentice must have been aged 23 or younger when they commenced their apprenticeship and must not have completed their apprenticeship before 1 June 2023.

Rising Star

This Award is presented to an outstanding apprentice within the 1st or 2nd year of their apprenticeship who consistently demonstrates quality workmanship.

Commercial Fabricator/Installer

This Award is presented to a 3rd or 4th year apprentice who consistently demonstrates a high level of capability in commercial fabrication or installation work.

Residential Fabricator/Installer

This Award is presented to a 3rd or 4th year apprentice who consistently demonstrates a high level of capability in residential fabrication or installation work.

Glass Processor

This Award is presented to a 3rd or 4th year apprentice who consistently demonstrates a high level of capability in glass processing work.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

- The AGWA Apprentice of the Year Award nominee must be employed by a financial AGWA member or is an Apprentice Glazier member of the AGWA.
- State eligibility is determined by the state of apprentice's employment, not by the state conducting the training (eg, an apprentice works in NSW but attends TAFE in QLD – will apply for a NSW Award)
- Any apprentice who completed their apprenticeship from 1 June 2023 to the nomination closing date 26 April 2024, is also eligible for nomination.
- Nominees for the Rising Star and Apprentice of the Year Award must have been aged 23 or younger when they commenced their apprenticeship.
- All state finalists will also be invited to an interview with the AGWA Apprentice Awards panel. The nominees' performance at this interview will form 50% of the assessment of this application.

SUBMISSION

- Applications must be completed through the AGWA Design Awards Platform at <https://agwa.awardsplatform.com>.
- To enter, Members will need to create an account and all entry information, including images, will be entered into the online platform, with the exception of videos, which will need to be sent to AGWA directly on marketing@agwa.com.au.
- Applications submitted by other means will not be considered.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- The Apprentice of the Year will be judged on the submission provided by the entrant, judges will not be able to physically visit the sites.
- It is ultimately the judges' discretion as to whether an Award will be granted for each category and state. If entries do not meet the criteria or objectives, then no state winner will be awarded.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Please make sure that you address all the points in each question in your entry:

1. Apprentice name, RTO and teacher and employer details

Please include your name, address, phone number and email address. You will need to provide the name of your RTO and teacher, as well as the name and company name of your employer, and contact details for both in your application. Your application will be deemed incomplete without these details. AGWA will contact your RTO teacher and your employer for an overview of your skills and application to learning.

2. What attracted you to the glass and glazing industry (guide 200 words)

Discuss what made you become a glazing apprentice and what aspect of the trade seemed most appealing to you.

3. Recommendation (guide 100 words)

Describe why you would tell your friend to pick glazing over another trade. Tell us one positive thing and one negative thing about the industry that you would tell them.

4. Comments on work you have done (guide 500 words)

Discuss the tasks/jobs you have done during your apprenticeship. Outline what was the most satisfying part of your job. What did you find challenging and how did you overcome it?

5. Career goals (guide 200 words)

Discuss where you see yourself professionally in a few years. What are your career goals? Do you plan further study?

6. Contribution of glazing industry (guide 100 words)

What do you think the glass, glazing and window industry can contribute to your state?

Portfolio

Supply a portfolio of a project of work that you have completed or were a major contributor to. Your portfolio may include pictures, drawings or other documents and can be uploaded with your application (limit of 10MB per file).

7.1 Explanation of your contribution (guide 300 words)

Explain which parts of the job you did yourself. Make sure you outline the steps/processes undertaken and what was your contribution to the team.

7.2 Key learnings (guide 100 words)

Outline the key things you learnt from completing this job/task.

7.3 Pride and challenge (guide 200 words)

Detail one thing about this job that you are most proud of and why. Discuss one thing that was difficult for you and how you overcame it.

7.4 WHS (guide 150 words)

Outline what WHS issues were present and how you complied with them. Include any PPE you wore in your answer.

7. Additional information in support

Please list any additional or attached information you have included to support your nomination. For example, letters of support, project plans, set outs, working drawings, etc. Is there anything you would like to add in support of this nomination for AGWA apprentice of the year?