***AWARDS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS***

The Australian Marine Industry Awards are presented annually to reward the outstanding achievements of Australian businesses in the marine export, superyacht and commercial sectors. The Awards are organised by the Australian International Marine Export Group (AIMEX), Superyacht Australia and the Australian Commercial Marine Group (ACMG).

The Apprentice of the Year Award will recognise and reward apprentices for outstanding performance and commitment to the Australian marine industry. It will grant opportunity for those nominated to be acknowledged for their dedication, hard work and commitment as well as celebrate the achievements of our future tradespeople while encouraging continued excellence in the industry.

Applicants will initially be assessed at a state level and one national winner will be awarded the ultimate prize of flights and accommodation to Amsterdam to attend the 2025 Metstrade Show, the largest marine equipment trade show in the world.  The award winner must be able to travel with AIMEX to Amsterdam for Metstrade 2025, to be held from 18 - 20 November 2025. To read about the experience of previous Apprentice of the Year award winners at Metstrade, click [here](https://www.asmex-conference.com.au/news/award-winning-australian-marine-industry-apprentices-at-metstrade-2022/).

This award is open to all apprentices working in the marine industry and can be nominated by their employer or they can nominate themselves.

**AWARDS ELIGIBILITY**

Applications are invited from apprentices currently undergoing training or having completed training between 1 Jan– 31 Dec 2024, with a business that is a current financial member of AIMEX, Superyacht Australia and/or ACMG with a registered ABN.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION**

The Australian Marine Industry Awards dinner will be hosted at The Langham Hotel, Gold Coast on Tuesday 20 May 2025. Tickets can be purchased [**here**](https://www.asmex-conference.com.au/registration/).

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Information provided on the applications will be used for judging only and will be treated as commercial-in-confidence by the organisers of the Awards. No information contained therein will be published without the express permission of the applicant.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered. Judging will be based on the information supplied and its capacity to meet the specified criteria.

**OTHER AWARDS SUBMISSIONS**

Each award category and application form can be found on our ASMEX website here: [Awards - Australian Superyacht, Marine Export & Commercial Marine Conference (asmex-conference.com.au)](https://www.asmex-conference.com.au/awards/)

**SUBMISSION CHECKLIST**

* Cover Page with Logos and Images
* Company Information & Certification
* Award Submission Content

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

**Submissions are due by 17:00pm AEST Friday 4 April 2024**

This word document needs to be complete with all three items on the above submission checklist and uploaded using the following form by the above due date or it will not be eligible for judging.

**Submission Form:** [**2025 Australian Marine Industry Awards Submissions**](https://forms.zohopublic.com/mspencer/form/2025AustralianMarineIndustryAwardsSubmissions/formperma/Jrk5ezauVIu6FsbfX0cucO6ScgiEPKj-_V-Ya2T_A6c)

If you have any questions regarding the Australian Marine Industry Awards, please contact Melinda Frowde - mfrowde@aimex.asn.au

***COVER PAGE***

Please insert on this page, images in high-resolution JPEG or PNG format.

1. Company Logo
2. A clear portrait image of the apprentice
3. A minimum of two relevant images of the Apprentice undertaking work, or/ in their normal work attire, or/ which best displays their organisation, products or services

\*These images may be used in marketing efforts before and after the Awards.

Please include a short video introduction of the apprentice, meeting the following requirements:

1. Wearing work attire or whilst at work
2. Stating the following as a personal introduction:

My name is [Name].
I am currently in my [#]-year of a [Trade] apprenticeship.
I am working at [Company Name].

\*Please note that this video will not be included in the judging process but will be used solely as an introduction to the apprentice and their award submission.

This video is to be uploaded online with the award submission form.

***COMPANY INFORMATION & CERTIFICATION***

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| **Nominee is (please tick):** | **Self-nominated**  | **Nominated by another**  |
| **CANDIDATE DETAILS** |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Date of Birth:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Full name of qualification:** |  |
| **EMPLOYER/COMPANY DETAILS** |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Company Name:** |  |
| **Street Address:** |  |
| **Suburb:** |  |
| **Postcode:** |  | **State:** |  |
| **Website:** |  |
| **Number of Years the Company has been operating:** |  |
| *I certify that the following information is correct to the best of my knowledge.* |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

***AWARDS SUBMISSION CONTENT***

**CATEGORY: 2025 AUSTRALIAN MARINE INDUSTRY APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR**

The judging panel will be looking for evidence of how the candidate's training has contributed to their career and study plans, enhanced their skills and achievements, and supported their success in other pursuits.

Please answer the following questions, using the bullet points as a guide for your content.

1. **DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S TRAINING AND WORK HISTORY**

**Limit: 100 words**

**Please provide a short timeline of schooling, training, work history and community involvement.**

1. **CAREER PATHWAY SELECTION**

**Limit: 200 words**

**Why have you selected a marine career pathway?**

* What inspired you to pursue a career in the marine industry? Is there a specific event, experience, or person that influenced your decision?
* What excites you most about this field?
1. **PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH**

**Limit: 200 words**

**What aspects of your apprenticeship result in the greatest professional and personal growth satisfaction?**

* What new skills or knowledge have you gained during your apprenticeship, and how have they contributed to your growth as a professional?
* How has your apprenticeship influenced your personal development, such as building confidence, communication skills, or teamwork abilities?
1. **SHOWCASING EXCELLENCE**

**Limit: 200 words**

**How do you showcase excellence to your employers during your apprenticeship?**

* **Can you describe a specific project or task during your apprenticeship where you went above and beyond expectations? What was the outcome?**
* **Have you had opportunities to take initiative or demonstrate leadership during your apprenticeship? How did it impact your team or workplace?**
* **How do you consistently strive for excellence in your work, and how has this been recognized by your mentors, colleagues, or supervisors?**
1. **FUTURE PLANS AND OTHER PURSUITS**

**Limit: 200 words**

**What are your future professional plans once you have completed your apprenticeship?**

* What are your long-term career goals, and how has your apprenticeship prepared you to achieve them?
* Outside of your apprenticeship, are there any personal interests, hobbies, or community activities that align with your career goals or contribute to your development?