Department of Education and Training

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Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement — Branch Memo

**TO:** RegisteredLearn Local providers — ALL

 Statewide providers

ACFE Board

 ACFE Regional Councils

 Learn Local stakeholders

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**DATE:** 28/04/2021

**SUBJECT: Nominations now open for 2021 Learn Local Awards**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

* Nominations are now open for the 2021 Learn Local Awards and will close at midnight on Friday 13 August.
* Key information, nomination guide available at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/learn-local-awards>

## Nominate now for the 2021 Learn Local Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Learn Local Awards and will close at midnight on Friday 13 August.

The 2021 Learn Local Awards are proudly brought to you by the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board to recognise and reward the outstanding achievements of individuals, programs and training providers within the Learn Local sector.

This year is the 15th anniversary of the Awards and to celebrate there is:

* Increased prize money
* New and refreshed award categories
* A winner and up to three finalists in each Award category.

There are also a number of award category changes for the 2021 Awards. These changes are in response to feedback provided from various stakeholders including Learn Local providers. The new and refreshed award categories recognise the diversity and strength of the Learn Local sector and reflect the strategic direction and goals of the ACFE Board Strategy 2020-25 and the Ministerial Statement on the Future of Adult Community Education in Victoria 2020-25.

## Key dates for the Awards

**Nominations**

Nominations open Wednesday 28 April

Nomination assistance opens Wednesday 5 May

Nomination assistance closes Monday 9 August

Nominations close Friday 13 August, midnight

**Judging**

Shortlisting September

All nominees notified Week of Monday 4 October

**Finalists announced** Early October

Finalist interviews (virtual) Week of Monday 11 October

Week of Monday 18 October, if required

**Event**

Winners announced at Gala Event Friday 3 December

## Prize pool and award categories

This year there are eight general awards with a total prize pool of up to $84,000.

**For learners**
1. The Ro Allen Award – Learn Local Pre-accredited Learner (Skills for study and life)
2. Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Learner (Skills for work) Award

The winner of each award will receive $5,000. Up to three finalists for each award will each receive $1,000.

**For trainers and leaders**
3. Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Trainer Award
4. Victorian Learn Local Leadership Award

The winner of each award will receive $5,000. Up to three finalists for each award will each receive $1,000.

**For Learn Local programs**5. Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Program Award (For small provider)
6. Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Program Award (For large provider)
7. Victorian Learn Local Innovation Award
8. Victorian Learn Local Partnerships Award

The winner of each award will receive $10,000. Up to three finalists for each award will receive $1,000. The winner of the Victorian Learn Local Partnership Award will receive $10,000 (to be shared by all parties). Up to three finalists for this award will each receive $1,000 (to be shared by all parties).

Further information on all categories is available on the Learn Local Awards website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/learn-local-awards>

## Nomination process

The Nomination Guide (which includes the selection criteria and other information such as tips on what the judges are looking for in nominations) is available from the Learn Local Awards website. Please read this document carefully before you start your nomination.

Each general award category has its own nomination form. This year we have introduced word limits on each of the selection criteria to help guide the level of response that is expected by the judges.

All nominations are to be submitted via the online nomination portal. The link to the portal is available on the Learn Local Awards website. All you have to do is register to nominate and then follow the step by step process. **Nominations can only be submitted via this portal**.

## Free Nomination Assistance

To assist with your nominations, we have engaged a professional editor who can review your nomination and ensure it is of the highest possible quality. **This is a free service available to all nominators**.

## Start your nomination today!

For more information and to make a start, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/learn-local-awards>