



MTA NSW Automotive Excellence Awards 2026 – Terms and Conditions

1. General Conditions:

1.1 By submitting a nomination for the Motor Traders' Association of NSW (MTA NSW) 2026 Automotive Excellence Awards, you agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions.

1.2 The Awards are open to current financial members of MTA NSW and apprentices or trainees affiliated with training provided by Motor Traders' Association of NSW (Registration Number 90402) and/or Career Options Training Australia Pty Ltd (Registration Number 40733) trading as My Trade Start.

1.3 Nominations must be submitted via the official MTA NSW 2026 Automotive Excellence Awards online portal by the specified deadline.

1.4 MTA NSW reserves the right to alter these Terms and Conditions at any time without prior notice.

2. Eligibility:

2.1 Nominations are open to:

Financial Members of the MTA NSW: For business awards (Metropolitan - Small, Medium, Large Automotive Business of the Year and Regional – Small, Large Automotive Business of the Year) and the specialist business awards (Automotive Mechanical Repair Business of the Year, Collision Repair Business of the Year, New Vehicle Dealership of the Year, Tyre Specialist Business of the Year)

- Apprentices / Trainees nominated by Employers: For the Apprentice / Trainee of the Year (regardless of MTA NSW membership) if they are training with MTA NSW and/or My Trade Start.

2.2 For the Automotive Business Awards: The MTA NSW Presidents Award and MTA NSW Life Member Award are not open for public nomination.

For the Automotive Training Awards: The MTA NSW Outstanding Apprentice / Trainee of the Year, My Trade Start Outstanding Apprentice / Trainee of the Year and Women In Automotive Apprentice / Trainee of the Year are not open for public nomination.

2.3 Only one nomination per business award category (Small, Medium, or Large) is allowed per financial member.



3. Submission Guidelines:

3.1 Nominations must be completed in full and submitted by the closing date: **28 November 2025 at 5.00pm.**

3.2 All entries must include:

- Accurate and truthful information.
- Relevant supporting documents, including testimonials, data, and evidence of achievements.

3.3 Incomplete or late entries will not be accepted.

3.4 Nominations can be updated prior to the deadline through the MTA NSW 2026 Automotive Excellence Awards online portal.

4. Judging Process:

4.1 All nominations will be reviewed by a judging panel which includes external industry leaders.

4.2 Judges will evaluate submissions based on:

- Relevance to the category criteria and questions
- Quality and depth of supporting evidence
- Overall presentation and clarity of the nomination

4.3 All decisions made by the judging panel are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

5. Privacy and Confidentiality:

5.1 All personal and business information collected will be handled in accordance with the MTA NSW's Privacy Policy.

5.2 By submitting a nomination, you consent to the MTA NSW using your information for the purpose of judging and for public announcements if shortlisted or selected as a winner.

5.3 Sensitive business data, if provided, will be treated as confidential and only accessed by authorised personnel and judges.

6. Publicity and Promotion:

6.1 By entering the Awards, you agree that the MTA NSW and My Trade Start may use your business name, logo, photographs, and nomination content for promotional purposes.

6.2 Finalists and winners may be featured on the MTA NSW and My Trade Start website, social media channels, press releases, and other marketing materials.

6.3 If you do not wish to have certain details published, please notify the Awards Team in writing.



7. Withdrawal and Disqualification:

7.1 Nominees may withdraw their submission at any time before the closing date by notifying the Awards Team.

7.2 The MTA NSW reserves the right to disqualify any entry that:

- Contains false or misleading information.
- Breaches confidentiality or intellectual property rights.
- The nominated business enters high level and/or excessive litigation, administration, voluntary receivership, liquidation or bankruptcy
- the nominated apprentice or trainee exits the automotive industry or transfers to another Registered Training Organisation (RTO), other than the Motor Traders' Association of NSW (MTA NSW) and/or My Trade Start (MTS) provider.
- Violates these Terms and Conditions.

7.3 If a winner is later found to be ineligible or in violation of these terms, the MTA NSW reserves the right to revoke the award.

8. Use of Awards and Recognition:

8.1 Winners may use the MTA NSW Automotive Excellence Awards logo and promotional materials to publicise their achievement.

8.2 Any use of the award title or logo must adhere to the MTA NSW and My Trade Start branding guidelines.

8.3 The MTA NSW and My Trade Start reserves the right to revoke permission for logo use if it is deemed to be misrepresented or used inappropriately.

9. Liability and Indemnity:

9.1 The MTA NSW and My Trade Start will not be liable for any loss, damage, or injury suffered as a result of entering the Awards or attending the event, except where liability cannot be excluded by law.

9.2 Entrants indemnify the MTA NSW and My Trade Start against any claims arising from the submission of their nomination, including infringement of intellectual property rights.

10. Contact and Support:

For any questions regarding these Terms and Conditions, please contact the MTA NSW Awards Team via P: (02) 9016 9000