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Strong response to 2016 apprenticeships

More than 660 applications were received for Wilmar Sugar's 2016 apprenticeships.

A total of 28 positions are available across the company's eight sugar mills and the Sarina Distillery.

Learning and Development Manager Tina Klekar said this year's call for new apprentices attracted more than 200 more applicants than last year.

After careful assessment, the list of candidates has now been reduced to less than 100.

"Overall, the quality of applications was very high," Ms Klekar said.

"Most applicants are in their final year of high school but we also received applications from some younger and older candidates."

Each shortlisted candidate participated in a half day of assessments at Wilmar Sugar's Apprentice Assessment Centre at the Burdekin TAFE this week.

Run over two days, the assessment centre was an opportunity for all candidates to undertake standard aptitude and practical tests and be interviewed by representatives from all of Wilmar Sugar's milling regions.

"We introduced the assessment centre for the first time last year," Ms Klekar said.

“The process ensures fairness in the way applicants are assessed and aims to identify the best candidates from across the full pool of applicants.”

The successful 2016 apprentices will commence work in February next year.

Wilmar Sugar employs about 130 apprentices across its four milling regions.

The company was named the Large Employer of the Year at this year’s Queensland Training Awards North Queensland Region finals.

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