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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Wilmar confirms 2020 apprenticeship opportunities**

Wilmar Sugar Australia has confirmed it will take on 33 new apprentices next year.

The first-year positions will be available across the company's eight sugar mills and at the Sarina BioEthanol Distillery.

It's good news for those looking to learn a trade in fitting and turning, electrical, boilermaking or diesel fitting.

Wilmar Training and Development Manager Scott Young said the company was proud to provide ongoing employment opportunities for young people in regional Queensland.

"We place a big focus on supporting our apprentices, and provide all uniforms, a professional tool kit and pay all training fees," Mr Young said.

"We're fortunate to have very diverse workplaces, at the mills and at the distillery, which gives our apprentices the opportunity to work in factory and domestic settings.

"Our apprentices get to be involved in major projects from the outset, working cross-discipline with other trade teams to get results."

First-year boilermaking apprentice Jazmine Cook is now about five months into her trade training with Wilmar and said she's learnt a lot about workplace safety.

"There's a really big focus on safety at Wilmar, and the entire team takes it very seriously," Ms Cook said.

"I'd definitely recommend an apprenticeship with Wilmar to anyone who's interested."

Mr Young said apprenticeship applicants need to have passed Year 10 maths and English, and electrical trade applicants also require a pass in physics or maths B.

Applications for Wilmar's 2020 apprenticeship intake open on 13 July 2019.

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*CAPTION: Ryan Hartwell, Jazmine Cook, Kevin Walton and Jayden Oliver are four of the 32 apprentices who began their trade training with Wilmar this year.*

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