

# ENTRY GUIDELINES



# 2026 APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS



**Master  
Builders  
Association**  
New South Wales

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# The Awards

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## KEY DATES

### ENTRIES CLOSE

Friday 19 June 2026

### JUDGING

July 2026

### AWARDS PRESENTATION

Saturday 24 October 2026

ICC Sydney

14 Darling Drive, Sydney

## ENTRY FEES

Free

## HOW TO ENTER

All entries are to be submitted via the online AwardForce software by **5pm** on **Friday 19 June**

[CLICK HERE TO START YOUR ENTRY](#)

# Entry Information

Entries are judged by industry experts. You are required to provide the following information.

## REQUIREMENTS

### A. Online Entry

Register and submit your entry at [mbansw.awardsplatform.com](https://mbansw.awardsplatform.com) by **5pm, Friday 19 June 2026**

### B. Must provide the following:

- Appropriate high res photograph of the nominated apprentice.
- Copy of the apprentice training contract (from employer).
- Current transcript or current training plan from Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

### C. Eligibility

Apprentices must be employed within an Australian Apprenticeship Training Contract with a registered business within the building and construction industry working within NSW.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Apprentices eligible for nomination will meet the following selection criteria:

- Have commenced/completed their trade course at an approved Registered Training Organisation (RTO);
- Be highly regarded by their employer for their knowledge, above average skill, application to work, co-operative attitude, commitment to safety and responsibility to their company, its suppliers and clients;
- Have performed with diligence, proved courteous and co-operative with staff and customers and achieved merit in their pursuit of excellence.



# Aims & Objectives

- To recognise and encourage apprentices to strive for excellence
- To highlight the value of skilled trades and inspire apprentices to take pride in their work, recognising their contribution to the industry
- To present an award that recognises an apprentice who is undertaking their trade training and is:
  - Striving for an outstanding result in Registered Training Organisation (RTO) study;
  - Performing at a high practical level in employment;
  - Demonstrating commitment to safe work practices, good character, commendable spirit and a commitment to their trade.

# Trade Categories

- Bricklaying/Blocklaying
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- Civil Construction
- Falsework and Formwork
- Fibrous Plastering
- Glass Cutting and Glazing
- Landscaping
- Metal Fabrication (Boilermaking)
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing
- Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning
- Roof Plumbing
- Roof Tiling and Slating
- Shopfitting
- Solid Plastering
- Stonemasonry
- Wall and Floor Tiling

# Judging

Entries are evaluated through a submission review process.

The judge/s decision is final and no further correspondence will be considered.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the Apprentice of the Year Awards?

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## Who can enter the Apprentice of the Year Awards?

Apprentices must be employed under an Australian Apprenticeship Training Contract by a registered business that is a financial member of MBA NSW, working in the building and construction industry in New South Wales.

Businesses who are Non-MBA Members are not eligible to nominate an apprentice.

## Do I need to be a member of the Master Builders Association of NSW to enter the Awards?

Yes, the Awards are open ONLY to members.

## What documentation do I need to submit an entry?

You must also provide all of the following information:

- A high resolution photograph of nominated apprentice;
- A copy of the apprentice training contract (from employer);
- Current transcript from Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or training plan.

## What is the cost to enter the Awards?

There is no cost, the Apprentice of the Year Awards are free of charge.

## Where will the Awards Presentation take place?

The Awards presentation will take place at the 2026 Excellence in Construction Awards held on Saturday 24 October 2026 at the ICC, Sydney.



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