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About the Awards

The 2026 Northern Territory Export & Business Awards (NTEBA2026) are the Northern Territory's official business awards, recognised by the Northern Territory Government, celebrating the achievements and contribution of businesses, organisations, and individuals driving economic growth across a broad range of industries in the Northern Territory.

Since 2025, the NT Business Awards and NT Export Awards have been brought together under one combined awards program:

- the **NT Business Awards**, recognising excellence in local business, leadership, innovation and community impact.
Nominations for the NT Business Awards are open across the following regions: Barkly, Big Rivers, Central Australia, East Arnhem, and Greater Darwin. Regional winners will be celebrated at an Awards event in each respective region.
- the **NT Export Awards**, recognising Territory exporters who are succeeding in international markets.
Winners of the NT Export Award categories will progress to the national Australian Export Awards, providing an opportunity to showcase Territory export success on a national stage.

Delivered by the NT Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in partnership with the NT Government, the Awards provide a platform to celebrate outstanding Territory enterprises, highlight business excellence, and acknowledge the people and organisations helping to grow the Northern Territory economy.

The 2026 Northern Territory Export & Business Awards are back to champion the people and organisations shaping our future.

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List of Awards

Export Award Categories

1. Agribusiness, Food and Beverage
2. Creative Lifestyle and Design
3. Digital and Smart Technologies
4. International Education and Training
5. International Health
6. Manufacturing and Advance Materials
7. Professional Services
8. Resources and Energy
9. Sustainability and Green Economy
10. Emerging Exporter
11. First Nations Exporter
12. Regional Exporter
13. Small Business

Business Award Categories

1. Outstanding Customer Service for an Individual
2. Outstanding Customer Service for Business
3. Small Business *[for businesses operating more than 12 months]*
4. Medium & Large Business *[for businesses operating more than 12 months]*
5. Not for Profit
6. Outstanding New Start-Up *[for businesses operating less than 12 months]*
7. Community Event
8. Business Summit or Conference
9. Venue of the Year
10. Defence Industry, Supply Chain and Sustainment
11. Mining and Energy, Supply Chain and Sustainment
12. Construction Industry, Supply Chain and Sustainment
13. Logistics and Supply Chain
14. Manufacturing Innovation
15. Community and Social Services
16. Employee of the Year
17. Business Leader of the Year
18. Employer of the Year
19. Peak Industry Body/Association Advocate of the Year

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Key Dates and Process

●	28 April	Nominations Open	
●	11 May	OFFICIAL LAUNCH	
●	19 July	Nominations Close	
●	20 July	Judging Commences	
●	31 July	Judging Completes	
●	18 Aug	Tennant Creek	Regional Business Award Ceremony
●	21 Aug	Alice Springs	Regional Business Award Ceremony
●	28 Aug	Nhulunbuy	Regional Business Award Ceremony
●	04 Sep	Katherine	Regional Business Award Ceremony
●	11 Sep	Greater Darwin	Regional Business Award Ceremony
★	23 Oct	NT Finals Gala Awards Ceremony	

Nominations must address each of the relevant criteria within the designated word limit and must be relevant to the award category being submitted.

To assist the judging panel, nominees are encouraged to include key background information about their organisation, such as business size, location, operating context and, where relevant, budget or scale of operations.

Nominees will be given the opportunity to upload up to five supporting attachments, such as documents, images or other relevant materials, through the online nomination platform. Please ensure all nomination responses are completed directly within the given fields on the online nomination form and must not be submitted as a separate uploaded document. Nominations submitted in this manner may be deemed ineligible.

Nominees will be requested to provide a brief 150-word introduction, an organisation logo and a photo representing the business for promotional purposes. These may be used throughout the promotion of the **2026 Northern Territory Export & Business Awards**.

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Stages of the Awards Process

- ◆ **Open to All:** All Territorians are welcome, from visionary start-ups to established industry leaders.
- ◆ **Free to Enter:** No cost to nominate yourself or another business.

STAGE 1 – NOMINATIONS

Nominating for the Northern Territory Export & Business Awards 2026 is a quick and simple process.

» **STEPS TO NOMINATE**

- **Choose your award category**

Review the specific descriptions, eligibility requirements and judging criteria of available **Business Awards** and **Export Awards** categories and select the category that best reflects your business, achievements or export activity.

You may be eligible to nominate for more than one category. You must submit a separate nomination for each category and address the specific criteria for that category.

- **Complete an online nomination**

Once you have determined the award(s) you wish to apply for, you will need to complete the nomination form(s) through the online awards platform [2026 NT Export & Business Awards](#) (short link <http://bit.ly/nteba-2026>).

You can save your progress and return at any time before the relevant closing date to complete and submit your nomination(s).

- **Provide supporting materials**

Upload any required information, images, logos or other supporting documents as requested in the nomination form.

- **Submit your nomination.**

Complete and submit your nomination online before the relevant closing date:

Export Awards: 12 June 2026

Business Awards: 19 July 2026

STAGE 2 – JUDGING

Once nominations close, all eligible nominations, supporting materials and documentation will be provided to the selected judges. Judges will assess nominations against the relevant award criteria.

Judging panel includes representatives from the Chamber of Commerce NT, industry leaders, export specialists, business representatives, government representatives and award partners.

Each nomination will be assessed against the relevant award criteria. Judges will review submissions independently and may take into consideration the quality of responses, evidence provided, business achievements, export outcomes and overall alignment with the category requirements.

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STAGE 3 – WINNER SELECTED

Winners will be selected based on the judging outcomes. This may involve further discussion by the judging panel, or it may be based on the highest scores or rankings achieved during the assessment process.

Winners of the NT Export Awards will go on to represent the Northern Territory at the Australian Export Awards, providing an opportunity to showcase Territory export success on the national stage.

Winners of the Regional Business Awards will progress as finalists for the NT Business Awards, with the overall winners announced at the NT Finals Gala Awards Ceremony in Darwin on 23 October 2026.

STAGE 4 – AWARD CEREMONIES

The Awards ceremonies bring the Territory business community together to recognise local businesses and exporters, celebrate their achievements, and acknowledge the role they play in the Northern Territory. It is a formal event and a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of South Australian businesses.

Winners of the Export Awards will be announced at the NT Finals Gala Awards Ceremony in Darwin.

Winners of the Business Awards will be recognised across a series of regional award ceremonies held throughout the Northern Territory, leading up to the NT Finals Gala Awards Ceremony in Darwin.

Tickets for the Regional Awards Ceremonies will be available from early July 2026.

Tickets for the NT Finals Gala Awards Ceremony will be available from August 2026.

»» For further information on applying for the 2026 NT Export & Business Awards, please contact adminsupport@chambernt.com.au.

Award Criteria Descriptions

Export Award Categories

General Eligibility Criteria:

1. To be eligible to apply, a business must:
 2. be registered in Australia with an active Australian Business Number (ABN)
 3. operate as a separate business if part of a larger organisation
 4. operate legally in Australia and comply with all regulatory requirements.
 5. maintain appropriate business ethics and demonstrate a commitment to legal obligations including anti-bribery laws and laws to combat modern slavery, both in Australia and overseas markets.
 6. hold all relevant insurances, such as public liability and workers compensation, and be compliant with Australian tax obligations.
 7. meet all eligibility criteria the Program guidelines.
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01. Agribusiness, Food and Beverage

Outstanding international success in manufactured foods, beverages or agricultural products.

This includes primary production, forestry, fisheries and related services or technology.

- Primary producers
 - Food and beverage manufacturers
 - Forestry and fisheries businesses
 - Ag-tech and related services.
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02. Creative Lifestyle and Design

Outstanding international success in creative industries and consumer-facing, design-led products and services.

This brings together creative outputs and lifestyle/consumer brands where design and brand experience are central.

- Beauty, cosmetics and skincare
- Fashion and accessories
- Homewares and lifestyle products
- Design studios, creative agencies and branding
- Arts and culture, film, TV, digital content and games where brand/creative is primary

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03. Digital and Smart Technologies

Outstanding international success in information technology, digital technologies, software, hardware or digital services.

This includes solutions using cloud, AI/ML, IoT, AR/VR, robotics, quantum, fintech, cybersecurity and related tools.

- Software and platform providers
 - AI, data and analytics firms
 - Cybersecurity and fintech companies
 - Hardware and device manufacturers
 - Other critical and emerging technologies
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04. International Education and Training

Outstanding international success in education and training.

This includes higher education, VET, transnational education, online learning, curriculum development and EdTech.

- Universities and higher education providers
 - VET and skills providers
 - EdTech and online learning platforms
 - Offshore or transnational education providers
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05. International Health

For outstanding international success in the fields of health, medical or wellbeing.

This includes biotechnology, biosecurity, medical technology, digital health, e-health, aged care, disability, complementary health, pharmaceuticals and related services.

06. Manufacturing and Advance Materials

Outstanding international success in manufacturing, engineering or advanced materials development.

This includes manufacturing of medical devices, advanced manufacturing technologies, design and production.

- Manufacturers of advanced components or systems
 - Engineering and fabrication firms
 - Advanced materials developers
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07. Professional Services

For outstanding international success in the field of professional services.

This includes legal, accounting, administration and support services, business management and consultancy, marketing services, franchising and licensing, engineering, financial and insurance, market research, translation services and tourism and business events.

08. Resources and Energy

Outstanding international success in the resources and energy sectors.

This includes production, processing or value-adding of extractive resources, or provision of related equipment, services or technology.

- Mining and resources producers
 - METS (mining equipment, technology and services)
 - Energy producers and service providers
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09. Sustainability and Green Economy

Outstanding international success in the Green Economy.

This includes environmental solutions, clean energy, sustainable materials, renewables, waste and water management, green building, smart cities or businesses with strong sustainability practices.

- Clean energy and renewables
 - Recycling and circular economy businesses
 - Environmental services and technology
 - Sustainable materials and solutions
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10. Emerging Exporter

For outstanding export achievement by a business which has been exporting for two years or less.

This includes established and new businesses in any industry.

Eligibility:

- Meets the Awards eligibility criteria.
 - a business will only need to supply 2 years or less of financial data if applying in this category.
 - a business that applies in this category is not eligible to apply in any other sector specific or business category.
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11. First Nations Exporter

Outstanding international success by a First Nations business.

This includes First Nations businesses operating in any industry.

Eligibility:

- Meets the Awards eligibility criteria.
- Meets the First Nation category eligibility:
Must be 51% First Nations owned and provide evidence to demonstrate the business meets the threshold (see Evidence Requirements below)

*** Evidence requirements:**

A First Nations or Indigenous businesses applying for the First Nations Exporter category must be able to demonstrate they meet the 51% First Nations owned threshold.

To ensure alignment with the Australian Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy, evidence must include the below registration or certification:

- with Supply Nation on the 'Indigenous Business Direct' public register (as a 'registered' or 'certified')
- by the Office of the Registrar for Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)
- by the First Nations Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI),
- By other Indigenous Chamber of Commerce within a businesses' home state or territory, or Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce.
- by Indigenous Business Australia, or an Indigenous Business and Employment Hub, under the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA),
- by local Aboriginal Land Councils or Prescribes Bodies Corporate (PBC), or
- other government recognised indigenous business registers.

12. Regional Exporter

Outstanding international success by a regional business.

This includes businesses in any sector that is based in a regional or remote location.

Eligibility:

- Meets the Awards eligibility criteria.
- The businesses primary operations are located in a regional or remote Australian area ([ABS RA1-RA4*](#)); or
 1. a significant proportion of their value-add or production activity occurs in regional or remote Australian area; or
 2. They generate measurable regional economic benefit, such as:
 - regional employment
 - supply chain engagement

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- operating facilities in regional locations
- investment in regional communities
- 3. a RA0* (major cities)-headquartered organisation may qualify only if it can demonstrate substantial, ongoing regional operations linked to export activity.

13. Small Business

For outstanding international success by a small business.

This includes businesses with total annual turnover not exceeding A\$10 million.

Business Award Categories

01. Outstanding Customer Service for an Individual

This award recognises an individual who has consistently delivered exceptional client or customer service within their workplace. Whether in a customer-facing role or behind the scenes, this person goes above and beyond to create meaningful, positive experiences for customers and the wider community.

Nominated individuals must:

- Be currently employed on an ongoing basis in a casual, part-time, or full-time capacity at the time of nomination
- Work for a business or organisation with an ABN and a physical presence in the nominee's region for at least 12 months
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agency staff are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Nominators should provide examples from the past 12 months that demonstrate:

- Specific instances of the nominee delivering outstanding service
- How their attitude and actions made a difference to customers or clients
- Team spirit and reliability in a customer service setting
- Problem-solving or innovation in improving the client experience
- Feedback or recognition from customers or peers
- The nominee's role in creating a positive service culture

*** This is an external nomination category.**

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02. Outstanding Customer Service for Business

This award recognises a business that demonstrates an outstanding commitment to delivering exceptional customer service. Whether through personalised service, innovation, or a strong service culture, this category celebrates businesses that consistently go above and beyond to meet and exceed customer expectations.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies and not-for-profit organisations are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Specific instances or actions that led to outstanding customer outcomes
- How the business fosters service standards and maintains a strong customer service culture across the team
- Processes or strategies introduced to improve the client journey
- Positive customer feedback, testimonials, reviews, or service metrics reflecting satisfaction
- How staff are trained, supported, or empowered to deliver excellent service
- The business's overall commitment to customer care and satisfaction
- Innovation or adaptability in response to client needs

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

03. Small Business

This award recognises a small Northern Territory business that has demonstrated excellence, innovation, and continued success in their field. The category highlights businesses that play a key role in industry development and contribute meaningfully to their community, workforce, and local economy.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office
- Have fewer than 20 employees

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

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Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Demonstrated business growth, performance, and sustainability over time
- Evidence of innovation in products, services, or operations
- Leadership within the industry or sector
- Contribution to local employment and workforce development
- Positive community engagement and corporate social responsibility
- Commitment to quality, customer service, and continuous improvement

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

04. Medium & Large Business

This award recognises a medium or large Northern Territory business that demonstrates consistent business success, innovation, and industry leadership. It celebrates organisations that drive economic impact, uphold high standards of service or product delivery, and contribute to the local workforce and community.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office
- Have 20 or more employees

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Demonstrated business growth, performance, and sustainability over time
- Evidence of innovation in products, services, or operations
- Leadership within the industry or sector
- Contribution to local employment and workforce development
- Positive community engagement and corporate social responsibility
- Commitment to quality, customer service, and continuous improvement

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

05. Not for Profit

This award recognises a Northern Territory not-for-profit organisation that has demonstrated excellence, resilience, and leadership within its sector. This category acknowledges the unique challenges and community contributions of not-for-profit organisations, celebrating those who deliver high-impact programs or services while maintaining sustainable and ethical operations.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Development and delivery of services or programs with measurable impact
- Evidence of community engagement and stakeholder collaboration
- Innovation and adaptability in meeting community needs
- Governance, operational excellence and responsible resource management
- Strategies to ensure organisational sustainability and long-term success
- Contribution to sector growth, awareness, or advocacy
- Alignment with the organisation's mission and values in practice

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

6. Outstanding New Start-Up

This award recognises a new Northern Territory business that has launched with impact and demonstrates strong potential for future growth and scalability. It celebrates emerging businesses with a clear vision, a unique value proposition, and a proactive approach to innovation and entrepreneurship.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for less than 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office
- Be able to demonstrate early-stage success, forward-thinking leadership, and the ability to build a sustainable business model.

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

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Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- The inspiration behind the business and what makes it unique
- Innovation and creativity in product, service or delivery
- Early business performance, growth and market engagement
- Contribution to the community or industry
- Plans for sustainability, growth, and long-term impact
- Branding, presentation, and customer engagement
- Leadership qualities of the founders or entrepreneurs

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

07. Community Event

This award recognises an outstanding community event that has delivered significant impact within the Northern Territory. Whether a one-off event or part of an annual calendar, this category celebrates initiatives that stand out for their innovation, bring people together and make a positive contribution to the local community.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Federal and Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- The inspiration behind the business and what makes it unique
- Innovation and creativity in product, service or delivery
- Early business performance, growth and market engagement
- Contribution to the community or industry
- Plans for sustainability, growth, and long-term impact
- Branding, presentation, and customer engagement
- Leadership qualities of the founders or entrepreneurs

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

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08. Business Summit or Conference

This award recognises an outstanding business event, meeting, or conference that has delivered value to industry, professional networks, or the broader business community within the Northern Territory. Whether a one-off event or part of an annual calendar, it celebrates events that demonstrate excellence in delivery, innovation, and meaningful outcomes for participants and stakeholders.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Federal and Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Planning, delivery, and outcomes of the meeting, event, or conference
- Innovation in program design, format, or engagement approach
- Benefits delivered to attendees, industry, or the business community
- Stakeholder, sponsor, or partner collaboration
- Professionalism, organisation, and attendee experience
- Branding, presentation, and promotional effectiveness
- Evidence of impact (e.g. attendance, feedback, outcomes, or follow-on activity)

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

09. Venue of the Year

This award recognises an outstanding venue in the Northern Territory that delivers exceptional experiences for clients and guests. It celebrates venues that demonstrate excellence in facilities, service delivery, and innovation, while consistently achieving high-quality outcomes across a range of events.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical venue located in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the venue is located

Please note: Federal and Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

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Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Overview of the venue, including facilities, capacity, services, and unique features
- Target clients and how the venue is tailored to meet their needs
- Examples of events hosted, including scale, delivery, and outcomes
- Evidence of service quality, client satisfaction, or repeat business
- Key points of difference and any improvements, upgrades, or innovations introduced

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

10. Defence Industry, Supply Chain and Sustainment

This award recognises a Northern Territory business operating within the defence industry that demonstrates capability, innovation, and sustained contribution to supply chain and sustainment outcomes. This category highlights businesses that not only perform strongly in their own operations through high-quality products or services, but also contribute to the broader defence ecosystem.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Business overview, core services or products, and contribution to the Northern Territory economy and community
- Key challenges faced and how these were managed or overcome
- Contribution to defence industry capability, including innovation, technology, or workforce development initiatives
- Collaboration with, or support of, other Territory businesses to strengthen supply chain outcomes
- Commitment to safety, including systems, initiatives, or cultural improvements within the business or sector

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

11. Mining and Energy, Supply Chain and Sustainment

This award recognises a Northern Territory business operating within the mining and energy sectors that demonstrates capability, innovation, and sustained contribution to supply chain and sustainment outcomes. This category highlights businesses that perform strongly in their own operations through high-quality products or services, while strengthening local industry capability and economic growth.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Business overview, core services or products, and contribution to the Northern Territory economy and community
- Key challenges faced and how these were managed or overcome
- Contribution to industry capability, including innovation, technology, or workforce development initiatives
- Collaboration with, or support of, other Territory businesses to strengthen supply chain outcomes
- Commitment to safety, including systems, initiatives, or cultural improvements within the business or sector

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

12. Construction Industry, Supply Chain and Sustainment

This award recognises a Northern Territory business operating within the construction sector that demonstrates capability, innovation, and sustained contribution to supply chain and sustainment outcomes. This category highlights businesses that perform strongly in their own operations through high-quality products or services, while strengthening local industry capability and economic growth.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

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Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Business overview, core services or products, and contribution to the Northern Territory economy and community
- Key challenges faced and how these were managed or overcome
- Contribution to industry capability, including innovation, technology, or workforce development initiatives
- Collaboration with, or support of, other Territory businesses to strengthen supply chain outcomes
- Commitment to safety, including systems, initiatives, or cultural improvements within the business or sector

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

13. Logistics and Supply Chain

This award recognises a Northern Territory business operating within the logistics and supply chain sector that demonstrates capability, innovation, and sustained contribution to supply chain and sustainment outcomes. From logistics and freight to compliance, coordination, and export readiness, this award celebrates those ensuring Territory goods and services reach markets across Australia and the world efficiently and competitively.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office
- A demonstrated role in the supply chain (e.g. transport, warehousing, customs, compliance, freight forwarding, trade logistics, supply chain planning or coordination)

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Contribution to the NT economy – how the business has strengthened the supply chain capacity to support economic growth or opportunity in the Territory.
- Efficiency and reliability – proven success in delivering high-quality, timely and cost-effective logistics or supply chain services.
- Innovation and continuous improvement – initiatives or approaches that improved processes, reduced risk, or added value within the supply chain.

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- Support for Territory industries – how the business has enabled other NT industries or sectors to succeed through its supply chain services.
- Collaboration and partnerships – evidence of effective coordination with clients, suppliers or partners to achieve strong outcomes.

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

14. Manufacturing Innovation

This award recognises a Northern Territory business operating in the Manufacturing sector that has demonstrated consistent excellence, innovation, and sustained success. It celebrates businesses that strengthen industry capability, drive economic impact, uphold high standards of service or product delivery, and support their workforce, partners, and community.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Strong business performance and long-term sustainability
- Continued business growth and resilience in the manufacturing
- Innovation and contribution to manufacturing capability, including technology, processes, or workforce development initiatives
- Commitment to safety, processes, initiatives, or cultural improvements within the business
- Environmental sustainability and responsible business practices
- Engagement with community or collaboration with (or support of) industry partners to drive shared growth and efficiency
- Industry leadership and professional expertise
- Presentation, branding and business visibility

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

15. Community and Social Services

This award recognises an organisation delivering outstanding community or social services within the Northern Territory. It highlights organisations that create meaningful impact by addressing

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community needs, supporting vulnerable or targeted groups, and contributing to long-term social outcomes.

Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Overview of the organisation, including services delivered, target groups, geographic reach, and community needs addressed
- Measurable outcomes achieved, including how impact is assessed using data, success stories, or feedback
- Community engagement and collaboration with partners, including how these relationships support service delivery
- Approaches to long-term sustainability, including planning, improvement initiatives, or future focus areas

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

16. Employee of the Year

This award recognises employees helping shape the future of the Northern Territory's industries and made a significantly positive impact to their organisation. It celebrates professionals demonstrate initiative, innovation, and a strong commitment to excellence in their role, highlighting the future potential of their industry.

Eligible nominees must:

- Be currently employed on an ongoing basis in a casual, part-time, or full-time capacity at the time of nomination
- Work for a business or organisation with an ABN and a physical presence in the nominee's region for at least 12 months
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agency staff are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Nominators are required to demonstrate the nominee's achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

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- Overview of the employee, their role, and what sets them apart
- Measurable impact on business performance, service delivery, or outcomes
- Examples of leadership, initiative, or innovation
- Contribution to team success and workplace culture
- Alignment with organisational values and standards

*** This is an external nomination category.**

17. Business Leader of the Year

This award recognises an outstanding business leader who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision, and impact within their organisation. It celebrates individuals who go above and beyond their role to drive performance, inspire others, and contribute to a positive and high-performing workplace culture.

Eligible nominees must:

- Hold a leadership or senior management role within a Northern Territory-based organisation at the time of nomination
- Work for a business or organisation with an ABN and a physical presence in the nominee's region for at least 12 months
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agency staff are eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Nominators are required to demonstrate the nominee's achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Overview of the business leader, their role, and what sets them apart
- Impact created across the organisation beyond core responsibilities
- Examples of leadership, influence, and contribution to team performance and culture
- Demonstration of innovation, resilience, and response to challenges or change
- Alignment with organisational values, professionalism, and standards

*** This is an external nomination category.**

18. Employer of the Year

This award recognises an outstanding organisation that demonstrates excellence in creating a positive, inclusive, and high-performing workplace. It celebrates employers who prioritise employee engagement, wellbeing, and development, while substantially fostering a strong culture that supports both people and business success.

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Eligible businesses must:

- Hold an active ABN and have a physical presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office
- Employ staff at the time of nomination

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Overview of the organisation and the industry in which it operates
- Workplace culture, including initiatives that support employee engagement, wellbeing, and retention
- Leadership and investment in employee development, empowerment, and recognition
- Innovation, resilience, and business performance in response to challenges or change
- Use of employee feedback, data, or outcomes (e.g. surveys, retention, development) to drive improvement
- Alignment with organisational values and contribution to community or responsible business practices

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

19. Peak Industry Body/Association Advocate of the Year

This award recognises an industry body or association that has demonstrated outstanding advocacy on behalf of its members or sector within the Northern Territory. It celebrates organisations that influence positive change, represent their industry effectively, and contribute to meaningful outcomes for their members and the broader community.

Eligible organisations must:

- Be an industry body, association, or representative organisation with a presence in the Northern Territory
- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months at the time of nomination
- Be nominated only in the region where the business maintains a physical operating office

Please note: Government agencies are not eligible for this category.

Entry Criteria

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months in the following areas:

- Advocacy efforts and measurable outcomes or impact achieved

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- Engagement with government, industry, and community stakeholders, including examples of collaboration
- Demonstration of leadership, credibility, and positioning within the industry
- Innovative initiatives or approaches that strengthen advocacy, member support, or industry outcomes

*** This is a self-nomination category.**

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