

# Hirepool Construction Excellence Awards 2026



“Recognising excellence in the performance of Civil Contractor New Zealand (CCNZ) members in the Construction or management of assets.”

## Construction award categories & entry fees

Projects with a value of up to \$2M	\$300 + gst
Projects with a value between \$2M and \$5M	\$500 + gst
Projects with a value between \$5M and \$20M	\$750 + gst
Projects with a value between \$20M and \$100M	\$1,500 + gst
Projects with a value greater than \$100M	\$2,500 + gst
Excellence in the maintenance and management of assets, including routine maintenance projects	\$1,000 + gst

## Key dates

Friday 29 May	Entries close @ midnight
June 2026	Site visits and / or interviews with the project teams
Friday 10 July 2026	Finalists announced
July 2026	Entrants to register for the CCNZ Conference in Wellington
Friday 14 August 2026	Winners announced at the Hirepool Construction Excellence Awards Dinner in Wellington

## Judging Process

The written submissions are assessed by the judges who will then select entries from each category for site visits or online meetings. Following the site visits or online meetings the judges will select the finalists. The entry documentation influences but does not determine the outcome.

The finalists all attend the Hirepool Construction Excellence Awards Dinner at the CCNZ annual conference where the winners of each category will be announced.

## Enter your Project

The Hirepool Construction Excellence Awards are all done online, please go to [www.civilcontractors.co.nz](http://www.civilcontractors.co.nz), hover over Events and then click on Awards to enter your project.

In your submission, identify the unique characteristics that differentiate this project over others e.g. people, performance and training.

**Please keep wording succinct rather than verbose**

Good luck :)

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## Categories 1, 2, 3,4 & 5

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### Project Details

- Project start date
- Project completion date
- Contract award price
- Final project price

### Project Overview

In this first section, to give the judges a good overview of the project you are submitting please describe:

- why you are entering this project?
- what makes this project special?
- why do you believe that this project should win the award?

### Setting up the Project

Describe the project, the unusual site conditions or constraints, and the key risks or opportunities identified. Explain the systems/planning that went into addressing these areas:

### Planning and Control - 10% contribution to score

- Project Mobilisation
- Quality Assurance
- Health & Safety
- Environmental
- Temporary Works
- Skills/Training
- Engineering Controls
- Construction Programme
- Financial Management

### Physical Works, Risk and Construction

Describe how risk/construction factors were managed, and overall project/contract results:

### Risk - 20% contribution to score

- Site Factors/Ground or Physical Conditions
- Complexity
- Environment
- Location
- Contract Period
- Contract Conditions
- Climate Conditions
- Other, e.g. Redesign

### Construction - 20% contribution to score

- Complexity
- Quality
- Health & Safety
- Environmental
- Supporting Social Outcomes, e.g. supporting local business
- Efficiency (Budget/Timeliness)
- Innovation

### Relationships, Team Culture and Client Satisfaction

Describe the relationships, how they were managed and how any impacts were mitigated:

### External Relationships - 15% contribution to score

- Client
- Consultant/s
- Subcontractor/s
- Supplier/s
- Public
- Other Stakeholder/s

### Team Culture - 15% contribution to score

- Collaboration
- Team dynamics/Internal relationships
- People development culture
- Leadership
- Training and development opportunities
- Apprentice involvement

### Client Satisfaction - 20% contribution to score

- Delivery of client requirements
- Level of client satisfaction

## Category 6 - Maintenance and Management of Assets

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Areas covered by this award include customer focus, levels of service, and improvements in efficiency and/ or effectiveness, performance measures, data collection, reporting, analysis tools, improved cost management processes and delivery.

Work activities include routine maintenance, renewals and physical works. All infrastructure types are eligible.

Judges will consider:

- Asset Management, Planning and Control 10%
- Collaboration/Relationships and Client Satisfaction 40%
- Results – Effectiveness and Delivery 30%
- Innovation 20%

This award can apply to an individual asset, a group of assets or a network.

### Entry requirements

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1. All entries must be received by Friday 29 May 2026 by midnight.
2. Entries will be submitted via the online portal.
3. Entrants must include in their submission:
  - a. A copy of the Certificate of Practical Completion.
  - b. Evidence of client satisfaction in writing, demonstrated by a letter/email from the client.
  - c. Evidence of customer satisfaction (road users, adjoining property owners, stakeholders and neighbours),
    - e examples of the customer/s receiving good project information prior to and during the project or safety briefings; or feedback from stakeholders throughout the project.
  - d. A selection of five high resolution photographs (or more) are to be uploaded via the online awards portal. These photographs will be pre sented to the judges and also used for the awards presentations and awards book. Do not use any special characters in photo names that fall outside the standard alphabet (A-Z, a-z) and numerical digits (0-9). Such as ( !, @, #, \$,)
  - e. A marketing statement of no more than **200 words** giving a brief description of the entry that can be used for media releases and award publications. This statement should include the project name, location, client, consultant and contractor details and the project commencement and completion dates.
4. Entries need to clearly show who the entrants are, regardless of the submission being individual or joint.
5. Entries should indicate any commercially sensitive information that should not be published.

### Terms and conditions

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1. A previous entry can only be submitted into future awards if new information is available.
2. The awards are open only to members of CCNZ.
3. Entrants agree to the judges verifying entry claims either with the entrant or other involved parties.
4. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
5. Entrants shall not contact the judges for feedback on the judging process or results.
6. All award finalists and representatives will be required to attend the CCNZ Conference and Awards Dinner in Wellington on Friday 14 August 2026.
7. CCNZ reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions, or issue binding rulings, on any matter not included in these Terms and Conditions. Such decisions shall be final. these Terms and Conditions. Such decisions shall be final.

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