

CCNZ Connexis Apprentice of the Year Award



The CCNZ Apprentice of the Year Award, sponsored by Connexis, celebrates individuals who are committed to developing their skills, knowledge, and professionalism through civil infrastructure apprenticeships. These apprentices demonstrate exceptional dedication to learning, a strong work ethic, and a passion for contributing to a safer, more skilled New Zealand.

This award recognises those who go above and beyond in their training - embracing challenges, showing leadership, and actively applying their growing expertise on the job. They represent the future of the industry, proving that investing in personal development not only builds strong careers, but strengthens the businesses and communities they serve.

The Apprentice of the Year Award highlights the importance of nurturing talent and supporting pathways that develop the next generation of civil infrastructure professionals.

Key dates

12 June	Entries close at midnight
June	Judges review the submissions and will contact the company and nominated apprentice
Early July	3 x finalists will be notified, accommodation and flights will be arranged by CCNZ.
Friday 14 August	Winners announced at the awards luncheon at the CCNZ Conference held at Tākina, Wellington

How to enter

1. Select the Apprentice of the Year Award Award, and click Register.
2. You will be prompted to login to the CCNZ Member's Portal, follow the prompts to reset your password if needed, if you need assistance please contact Nicola on nicola@civilcontractors.co.nz or 027 248 8972.
3. You will be redirected to the CCNZ Member Dashboard >> Award Applications. Select the category you have just entered and enter in your company details and the contact person's details if they differ to yours, click the save button.
4. Answer the questions.
5. Submit a marketing statement and photos, these will be used in the Awards Book.
6. Scroll to the top of the screen and click the blue Submit Application button - and you are entered!

What the 3 finalists receive :

- Flights to and from Wellington.
- Accommodation (1 night), 13 August.
- Attendance to Young Contractors Breakfast on Friday 14 August.
- Friday conference registration and entry to awards luncheon, Friday 14 August.

Award winner receives :

- Winners trophy and framed certificate

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Application criteria

Applications are free of charge and are open to CCNZ Members and non members who meet any one of the following criteria:

- Actively training with Connexis in one of the following courses:
 - Bitumen Surfacing.
 - Roadmarking with strand in Testing.
 - Civil with strands in Earthworks, Road Construction and Road Maintenance.
 - Pipeline Construction and Maintenance with strands in Drinking Water, Wastewater & Stormwater, Trenchless Technologies.
 - Piling.
 - Pipe Installation.
- At least 12 months into their apprenticeship.
- Working in the Infrastructure Industry within New Zealand.
- Connexis learners who have completed their programme in the last 12 months (Jul 2025 - Jun 2026)

If you are having trouble logging into the CCNZ Member's Portal, it might be because you are not linked with your company. Please contact Nicola on nicola@civilcontractors.co.nz or 027 248 8972