

NISO/NISG Occupational Safety Awards 2018 - Award Categories Explained

This document has been prepared by the National Irish Safety Organisation and Northern Ireland Safety Group to help organisations understand the categorisation of Safety Awards.

While an organisation can benchmark their performance up to Distinction level, it is very much competitive above this level. There are limited awards available and organisations face competition from other entrants either in their own industry, region, company size or overall, depending on the awards on offer. To achieve an award, organisations must achieve the minimum standard as listed:

Awards	Minimum % Marks
Supreme, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Presidents, Business Classification, Regional / Northern Ireland, Higher Distinction Awards	70%
<i>Competitive and based on merit</i>	
HSA / HSENI Occupational Health Award	
<i>Competitive [sponsored by Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI)]</i>	
Anderco Superior Performance Award	
<i>Competitive [sponsored by Anderco]</i>	
ALD Merrion Fleet Driving for Work Award	
<i>Competitive [sponsored by ALD Merrion Fleet]</i>	
Exceptional High Achiever Awards	
<i>You must be at Distinction level or better for the last ten consecutive years to achieve this Award</i>	
Consistent High Achiever Awards	
<i>You must be at Distinction level or better for the last five consecutive years to achieve this Award</i>	
Distinction Award	60%
Best New Entry Awards	40%
<i>While this is the minimum mark that organisations may score to win one of these awards, in reality, the marks are higher.</i>	
Highly Commended	50%
Commended	45%
Merit	40%
Recognition	30%
No Award	<30%

- **Occupational Health Award [sponsored by Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI)]**
- **Superior Performance Award is sponsored by Anderco**
- **Driving for Work Award is sponsored by ALD Merrion Fleet.**

What awards am I eligible for as an entrant?

The awards listed in the following page show examples which are broadly ranked in order of importance [least important to most important]. An organisation cannot win two awards; the highest award will be given for which an organisation is eligible.

Example 1

We are a construction company based in Co Clare that employs 60 building houses and commercial premises. We previously entered the awards a few years back. What awards am I eligible for?

Firstly, we need to know which of the two activities listed above forms the main part of your business. This will come into effect if you are in the running for a Construction sub category award. As you have entered before, the new entry awards will not apply. You will not be eligible for a consistent high achiever award.

<i>Should you achieve a certain standard [see above table] your organisation will be eligible for one of the following awards</i>		<i>No. of Awards</i>
<i>Recognition Award</i>		<i>Unlimited</i>
<i>Merit Award</i>		<i>Unlimited</i>
<i>Commended Award</i>		<i>Unlimited</i>
<i>Highly Commended Award</i>		<i>Unlimited</i>
<i>Distinction Awards</i>		<i>Unlimited</i>
<i>Higher Distinction Awards</i>		<i>Unlimited</i>
<i>Regional Award [Mid West]</i>		<i>One</i>
<i>Business Category Award - Construction - Industrial / Commercial OR House Building</i>		<i>One</i>
<i>President's Award: Construction</i>		<i>One</i>
<i>President's Award: Medium Sized Organisation</i>		<i>One</i>
<i>Bronze Award</i>		<i>One</i>
<i>Silver Award</i>		<i>One</i>
<i>Gold Award</i>		<i>One</i>
<i>Supreme Award</i>		<i>One</i>

Example 2

We are a large Information Technology Services organisation in Belfast considering entering for the first time. What awards am I eligible for?

<i>Should you achieve a certain standard [see above table] your organisation will be eligible for one of the following awards</i>		No. of Awards
<i>Recognition Award</i>		Unlimited
<i>Merit Award</i>		Unlimited
<i>Commended Award</i>		Unlimited
<i>Highly Commended Award</i>		Unlimited
<i>Distinction Awards</i>		Unlimited
<i>Higher Distinction Awards</i>		Unlimited
<i>Northern Ireland Award</i>		One
<i>New Entry Award [Large Organisation]</i>		One
<i>Business Category Award - Information Technology / Computer Services</i>		One
<i>President's Category Award: Overall Best New Entry</i>		One
<i>President's Category Award: Large Sized Organisation</i>		One
<i>Bronze Award</i>		One
<i>Silver Award</i>		One
<i>Gold Award</i>		One
<i>Supreme Award</i>		One

Historically, most new entrants tend not to score as high as previous entrants and therefore will be less likely to achieve one of the top awards.

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