

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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Why should I enter? – By entering the Awards your business taps into the promotion and prestige surrounding this longstanding and highly regarded event including promotion to consumers and others via the LQ website, publicity through various media outlets and consumer magazines and Awards logos for use in your own marketing initiatives.

When do entries open? – Entries open in **June 2025**.

When do entries close? – Nominations and entry fees must be submitted via the online platform by **Monday, 7 July 2025**. All remaining materials (e.g., consent forms, project details, site plans, and photos) must be submitted by **Monday, 4 August 2025**.

How old can projects be and still be eligible to enter? - Projects must have been completed between **1 July 2023 and 30 June 2025**.

How many categories are there? – There are 20+ categories, including training, maintenance, design, and landscape feature. Most categories are eligible for the **Queensland Residential or Commercial Landscape Construction of the Year Awards**. Categories may be adjusted slightly based on entries received. If this occurs, entrants will be notified.

Can I enter more than one category? – Yes. Contractors may enter as many categories as are relevant to their projects.

Can I enter the same project into more than one category? – Yes, provided the project meets the eligibility and criteria for each category entered.

How much does it cost to enter? - There is a small cost involved, check out the full guidebook and online platform for details.

How do I enter? – Entries are submitted via the online Awards entry platform. LQ members can create an account and save their entries as they go!

What is the total cost of the project? - This is the full and final cost of the project, including any variations and GST. LQ may request contract documentation to verify cost and ensure correct category placement.

Why do I need high resolution photos? - Photos are required to showcase your entry effectively for judging, promotional media, and the professional audio-visual presentation at the Awards Gala Dinner. While images do not need to be professionally taken, they must be high-resolution, clear, and primarily in landscape (horizontal) format.

Do I have to provide plans? - Yes, judges require as much information about the project as possible to assist the judging process. In most categories provide the construction drawings. In categories 6 & 7 the design documents are also required. In category 8 provide the Independent Professional Designed documents upon which the construction was based.

Who judges the entries? – Entries are judged by qualified industry professionals, including landscape architects and retired contractors. All judging is conducted **independently and is completely external to Landscape Queensland Industries Association Inc.** Judges visit each project site in person, and all contractor information remains anonymous throughout the process.

What are the judges looking for? – Judges are looking for excellence and consistency in workmanship, with a strong emphasis on attention to detail at all scales relevant to the project and category. In addition to how well the project has been constructed (and designed, where applicable), entrants should clearly demonstrate what makes the project a standout. Highlight any elements that were particularly challenging, how they were resolved, and any unique or interesting history behind the work. Submissions should also clearly identify any components **not completed by the contractor**. For entries in Categories 8–16, judges will additionally assess how well the contractor has interpreted and implemented the design intent outlined by the independent professional designer (if applicable).

What if my client does not want me to enter the project? - Client consent is mandatory. All client details are kept strictly confidential. If you are unsure how to approach this, please contact the LQ team for advice.

I am a small contractor – can I still enter? – Of course! The Awards are open to all current Landscape Queensland members, regardless of business size.

I have a garden maintenance business – can I enter? – Yes, there are categories for Garden Maintenance both Residential and Commercial. Please refer to the Maintenance categories for full details.

My business supplies products or services to the landscaping industry – can I enter? Yes. As a current LQ Supplier Member, you are automatically entered into the **Landscape Industry Supplier of the Year Award**. Voting takes place in August.

I have a great Apprentice/Trainee who deserves recognition – Nominate them in the Apprentice or Trainee of the Year categories. Nominees must have been in their final year between **1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025**.

My residential project was designed by a Landscape Architect or Landscape Designer – Yes. Enter the relevant Residential category, and also Category 8 – Independent Professional Designed Construction, if applicable.

I designed my project – can I receive recognition for that? – Yes. Enter your project into the relevant Residential category, and also into Category 6 or 7 depending on the project's value.

I have a project to enter one of the design categories – can I enter the same project into a residential category? – Yes. Projects entered into Categories 6, 7 or 8 **must also** be entered into a Residential category (1–5).

How do I know I am a Finalist? Entrants will be notified once all documentation has been reviewed and confirmed. Judging visits will then be coordinated directly with the project client during August/September. Contractors must not be present during the inspection. All entry materials provided to the judges are anonymised and do not include the contractor's name.

How are the Finalists, Highly Commended and Winners announced? Winners are announced at the **Landscape Queensland Construction Excellence Awards Gala Dinner on Saturday, 8 November 2025**. All finalists must have a business representative in attendance. Attendance is mandatory for all Training Award nominees.

Is my entry considered for the overall Queensland Landscape Construction of the Year Awards? - Yes, if it wins in one of the eligible construction categories (Residential 1–5 or Commercial 9–14).

If I win the category or am a finalist, how can I promote this? - Finalists and winners receive an official logo for marketing use and will be featured in consumer publications, digital media, and promotional materials.

Can I get feedback on my entry? – Yes. Feedback can be requested after the Awards program concludes.

If I have a question, who do I contact?

Contact LQ office on **1300 883 966** or email awards@landscapequeensland.com.au

