

THE KING'S AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE

The King's Awards for Enterprise are the most prestigious awards for UK organisations, recognising and rewarding their outstanding achievements in the fields of Innovation, International Trade, Sustainability, Promoting Opportunity (through social mobility) and Young Founder.



Is your business eligible to apply for a King's Award for Enterprise?

To apply for the King's Award for Enterprise your organisation must:

- be based in the UK (including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man)
- have a good continuous compliance record with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) - for example, showing you pay the right amount of tax on time
- be a self-contained enterprise under its own management and complete its own accounts
- have at least 2 full-time UK employees or part-time equivalents
- demonstrate strong environmental, social and governance practices

Your organisation can be a business, non-profit or in the public sector.

Each of the award categories has additional entry criteria.





Benefits of receiving an Award

The Awards can bring substantial benefits to recipients, including:

- Increased staff morale
- Boosts to turnover and international trade
- Greater recognition globally
- Excellent marketing opportunities
- Winning edge over competitors
- Increase in recruiting a highly skilled workforce

Recipients are invited to a Royal reception and have their trophy presented to them at their business premises by their local HM Lord-Lieutenant.

“The buzz has not left us and we are all incredibly proud to have received this Award, to wear the emblem and show the world what we have achieved.”

*- Paul Montgomery
Master Locksmith,
Sir Fix-a-Lock Ltd*

The 2026 Recipients



- In 2026, 185 UK businesses were recognised across the four King's Awards categories.
- 89% of recipients were SMEs.
- One businesses was recognised with two Awards, making 186 Awards in total.



International Trade
76



Innovation
52



Sustainability
36



Promoting Opportunity
22



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How to apply?

The 2027 application round is open from 6th May and close on 8th September 2026.

Almost all UK businesses can apply, and the application process is free and straightforward.

The King's Award Helpline is available to help you.

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