

ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY
EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Apprentice of the Year
(1st & 2nd Year)





About Master Electricians Australia

Master Electricians Australia (MEA) has been and continues to be a well-respected company that provides support, assistance and information to the industry about the latest news, legislation, equipment, products and guidelines in the industry.

With more than 80 years of experience, we pride ourselves on professionalism and helping sparkies get the job done.

Our brand is recognised as being associated with the best in the industry while providing members with support and information. This includes seminars on starting your business, advice on products, tools and regulated guidelines, as well as field staff and in-house experts who are there to support electrical contractors across Australia with their safety concerns.

Awards overview

2024 marks the 10th annual Master Electrician's Australia (MEA) Electrical Industry Excellence Awards. Over the past decade the awards have grown and expanded to the annual awards they are today.

The awards are held simultaneously across Australia connecting electricians, apprentices, and administration staff from Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

MEA aims to bring the industry together for one night while taking a moment to celebrate and commend the groundbreaking work being done across the nation.

In recent years, the awards have changed to incorporate the Clean Energy of the Year Award and Women in Contracting Award which aims to recognise the challenging work done by those in the background making sure the lights stay on.

It is an honour for MEA to continue to strive and grow the awards to showcase the very best in our industry.

Key dates

- Nominations **close on Monday, April 29.**
- Judging **May and July.**
- Finalists announced **July, 2024.**
- Awards night **Saturday, August 3, 2024.**



Step-by-step guide

Follow these easy steps to complete your nomination today and don't forget nominations close on **Monday, April 29 at 11.59pm (EST)**.

Each state or territory has 10 awards available to fit all categories. We encourage all nominees to enter more than one category.

State winners of each category are automatically entered into the National Awards.

Please follow the below 6 steps to complete your nominations.

- Step 1** - Simply create a login via our event registration form, available here (masterelectricians.com.au/excellence-awards).
- Step 2** - Before submitting your nomination, make sure you have obtained your client's permission to share project information and images. This will greatly support your nomination in the Excellence Awards.
- Step 3** - Take some time to review the submission questions. It's a good idea to gather all the necessary information, project details, and images beforehand. For larger categories, you can even save your progress and return to it later. But we highly recommend doing some initial work upfront to make the process smoother.
- Step 4** - Now's the time to get cracking with your submission! The entry process is straightforward and involves answering a series of mandatory, and optional questions and uploading supporting documentation. The time required to complete each category varies, ranging anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes, depending on the category.
- Step 5** - Once you're satisfied with your nomination, simply submit it.
- Step 6** - Depending on the category, the next exciting phase of the process may involve a skills challenge (for Apprentice and Electrician categories) or an official judging panel interview with industry experts. Finalists will be announced in July.

If you have any questions on the entry process, please contact us by email: events@mea.asn.au or phone 1300 889 198.

Apprentice of the Year (1st & 2nd Year)

To be eligible for Apprentice of the Year (1 - 2 years) you/the apprentice must be in the first or second year of the electrical field.

Judges are looking for someone who excels and goes above and beyond in learning their trade and has the drive to be a shining example for other apprentices.

When completing the written submission, take into consideration technical skills, education aptitude, workplace contributions, health and safety compliance.

Bio questions (a summary of this content will be included in the Awards Program)

Describe what inspired your/the apprentice's pursuit of the electrical trade.

Example: Apprentice Bob was inspired to enter the electrical trade because of XYZ.

Share a notable project or task that showcased your/the apprentice's skills, or describe a mentorship experience that significantly influenced growth as an apprentice.

Example: Bob showed great initiative during project X. He/she did this by being safety conscious, continuing to ask questions, and going over the project details thoroughly.

What personal qualities or attributes do you/the apprentice believe contributed to being a successful apprentice?

Example: Bob is always early for work and put in the hard work while on site. His/her studies are improving and being completed on time. He/she is working hard to master their trade.

Photos

Optional - upload a headshot.

Please note this request is optional only; but if supplying a headshot of the nominated apprentice, aim for a file that is a minimum 2MB or has a minimum 2000 pixels on shortest edge.

