



New Zealand
Road Safety, Emergency
Response & Healthcare
Awards

NATIONAL AWARD
FOR
EMERGENCY RESPONSE &
HEALTHCARE

2026
APPLICATION FORM

The New Zealand Road Safety, Emergency Response and Healthcare Awards are for ordinary people doing exceptional work, day in, day out, across New Zealand.

The Awards are designed specifically for industry professionals in emergency services, hospital care, post hospital care, primary Healthcare, road safety and recognise those in the community who may otherwise not be acknowledged.

BACKGROUND

The New Zealand Road Safety, Emergency Response and Healthcare Awards and Medallion were established nationally in 2021, following the nationalisation of the Canterbury Road Trauma Awards.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND HEALTHCARE

The National Award for Emergency Response and Healthcare recognises outstanding individuals, groups or organisations in Healthcare or in emergency services who respond to road trauma for a particularly noteworthy response to either an incidence, or incidences, of road trauma, or deserving of special recognition for their contribution to improved processes of care for road trauma victims. This application form has sections relating to these two categories of the Award.

This Award is open to individuals, groups or organisations in healthcare and emergency services who respond to road crashes and road trauma victims.

The National Award for Emergency Response and Healthcare may be Awarded for:

1. PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY RESPONSE TO AN INCIDENT, OR INCIDENTS, OF ROAD TRAUMA.
2. CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVED PROCESSES OF CARE FOR ROAD TRAUMA VICTIMS.

- Increased patient care capacity or patient care quality.
- Addressed an identified need, enhancing outcomes or improving a product, service, process or system that as a direct result will benefit those in their region or nationally.
- Enhanced or assisted in the further development of a product, service, process or system that as a direct result will benefit those in their region or nationally.
- Developed effective ways that minimises the impacts of disability or death after road trauma locally, regionally or nationally.
- Worked with local, regional or national organisations and bodies to put in place emphasis on patient care and/or improve response time for road crash patients.
- Worked with other local, regional or national organisations or agencies to improve response times.
- Used an application of unique skill or creative imagination to solve problems associated with the response to road trauma and road trauma victims.
- Developed new services for population groups that traditionally struggle to access healthcare.

Each Award recipient receives a medallion and a certificate for their meritorious efforts.

AWARD ENTRY GUIDANCE

In preparing an application, nominators should provide a clear and detailed account of the nominee's contribution and demonstrate how the nomination meets the applicable assessment criteria for the National Award for Emergency Response and Healthcare.

Before completing the Application Form, please refer to the Official Guide and New Zealand Road Safety, Emergency Response and Healthcare Awards Criteria, Nomination and Evaluation Process.

Please ensure that:

- all required contact details are completed;
- the applicable Emergency Response or Healthcare Assessment Criteria are addressed;
- responses are supported by relevant evidence where available;
- the applicable 1,000-word limit is observed; and
- any required supporting documentation is included with the application.

Links to relevant multimedia material may also be included within the application or supporting documentation.

A letter of management support is required for applications to the National Award for Emergency Response and Healthcare.

Applications will be accepted from 9.00 am on Monday, 7 September 2026 until 11.59 pm on Sunday, 31 January 2027. Due to the time required for the Executive Committee to review and evaluate applications, late submissions cannot be accepted.

Where an application involves multiple nominees, the details of each individual must be provided. Please contact the Trust for guidance before submitting a group nomination.

For further information or assistance in preparing an application, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact:

Email: NZRSERHAwards@nationalroadtraumacentre.org.nz
Phone: 027 324 0918

The New Zealand Road Safety, Emergency Response and Healthcare Awards have an agreement with the New Zealand Honours Unit, Cabinet Office, that any significant or deserving nomination deemed by the Committee to meet the criteria for recognition by the New Zealand Royal Honours System, including the New Zealand Government Bravery Awards, the Applicant will be notified by the Committee by way of letter.

The formal decision to proceed with an Award nomination or withdraw the application, to instead nominate for a New Zealand Royal Honour, will be made by the applicant.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Upon receipt, applications are collated and prepared by the National Road Trauma Centre for presentation to the New Zealand Road Safety, Emergency Response and Healthcare Awards Executive Committee.

All nominations are strictly confidential and the information provided will be used only to assist the Executive Committee in considering the merits of the nomination. The New Zealand Road Safety, Emergency Response and Healthcare Awards Executive Committee keeps all nominations confidential to respect privacy. We ask for the cooperation of nominators and others involved in respecting this policy.

MORE HELP AND FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any further questions, or require guidance in the preparation of the nomination, please contact:

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NOMINATOR DETAILS

* Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, Prof, etc.)

* Surname

* Given Names

* Organisation/ Business Name

* Position Title

* Postal Address

* Suburb/City/Postcode

* Email

* Mobile

Other Phone

Preference of Contact Home Phone / Mobile / Email

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NOMINEE/AWARD RECIPIENT DETAILS

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Your application can be about large or small projects, but most notably you will need to demonstrate how the work you are doing is improving outcomes to reduce road trauma and its direct impacts either locally, regionally or nationally in New Zealand.

To be competitive your application must address the following criteria, and provide evidence that substantiates its claims. The criteria used to assess and judge the submissions are common practice for Awards of such caliber.

SECTION 1

EMERGENCY RESPONSE / ROAD CRASH SITE

Please complete this section of the application if your submission is for a particularly noteworthy response to an incidence, or incidences, of road trauma involving an emergency response at a road crash site.

PART A
Incident

PART B
Action

PART C
Outcome

SECTION 2

HEALTHCARE

Please complete this section of the application if your submission is for a pre-hospital or hospital care healthcare professional that has contributed to improved processes of care for road trauma victims.

PART A
Situation

PART A - WHAT WAS THE INCIDENT?

Emergency responder professionals involved in pre-hospital care with particularly noteworthy response to an incidence, or incidences of road trauma at a road crash site to complete Section 1, Part A - C of the Award category application. Please note 1,000 words maximum apply.

1. Please provide a brief description of the incident.

2. Date, time and location of the incident.

3. Describe conditions, were there any conditions needed to overcome to respond well to the incident?

For example, what was the temperature, time, visibility level, weather, number of people around and other environmental conditions at the time of the accident, or what were the workload, occupancy, roster restrictions in the relevant healthcare environment.

PART B - WHAT WAS THE ACTION?

What was the influential difference, contribution or assistance at the scene of a road crash site or in the care of the victims of the road crash?

1. Please provide a brief summary of the rescue/care efforts of the nominee?

Please clearly articulate what the person that you are nominating for this award, you may wish to elaborate on any elements of risk (if any).

2. What patient injuries or rescues or attempted rescues needed to be attended to?

3. Did the incident/rescue/care require advanced or technical skills e.g. Vehicle extraction or medical equipment, devices or procedures?

Please outline if there was optimal use of skills within the available personnel?

4. Was emergency medical aid rendered including emergency procedures?

Detail whether the applicant demonstrate the ability to treat specific injury types and enable analysis of triage for treatment?

5. Was there multiple agencies or specialities involved?

SECTION 1 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE / ROAD CRASH SITE

PART B - WHAT WAS THE ACTION?

Please complete any further detailed information.

PART C - WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME?

What was the influential difference, contribution or assistance at the scene of a road crash site or in the care of road crash victims?

1. Please provide a brief summary of the attributing outcome of the nominees contribution.

Examples may include, rendered first aid, vehicle extraction, site communication and co-ordination of emergency services onsite or procedures in the Healthcare context.

Please write in detail your response below (note 1,000 words maximum for Section 1 - A, B and C combined):

SECTION 2 - HEALTHCARE

PART A - WHAT WAS THE SITUATION?

Healthcare professionals involved in pre-hospital or hospital care only need to complete Section 2 - Part A of the Award category application.

1. Please outline how the nominee demonstrated increased patient care capacity or patient care quality? or;
2. Please outline how the nominee addressed an identified need, enhanced patient outcomes, or improve a product, service, process or system that as a direct result will benefit those in their region or nationally? or;
3. Please outline how the nominee enhanced or assisted in the further development of a product, service, process or system that as a direct result will benefit those in their region or nationally? or;
4. Please outline how the nominee developed effective ways that minimises the impacts of disability or death after road trauma locally, regionally or nationally? or;
5. Please outline how the nominee worked with local, regional or national organisations and bodies to put in place emphasis on patient care and/or improve response time for road crash patients? or;
6. Please outline how the nominee worked with other local, regional or national organisations or agencies to improve response times? or;
7. Please outline how the nominee used an application of unique skill or creative imagination to the approach or solution of problems? or;
8. Please outline how the nominee developed a new service for population groups that traditionally struggled to access healthcare? or;
9. Please outline how the nominee worked with local, regional, or national partners to plan services across an area to improve the health and wellbeing of those who suffer poorer outcomes?

SECTION 2 - HEALTHCARE

PART A - WHAT WAS THE SITUATION?

Please write in detail your response below, (note 1,000 words maximum):

FURTHER INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

For further information or guidance in preparing an application, please contact:

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