

Terms and Conditions for Commercial Project Award Entrants

All entrants in the RMB 2010 Commercial Project Awards shall be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

ENTRIES

1. All entries must be received by Friday 26 February 2010 for hard copy entries and Sunday, 28 February 2010 for online entries, and fees paid in full prior to commencement of local judging. Entry fee details can be obtained from local Registered Master Builders Associations and include the local entry fee (to be set and advised by Associations) and national entry fee (note there are different national entry fees for entries under \$2 million in contract value and over \$2 million in contract value).
2. Entries must be submitted to the local Association in which the property is built, with the exception of Southern Region which combines the Associations of Gore, Southland and Otago – these shall be treated as one region. Southern builders who build outside of this region, must enter in the Association that the property is built. In the first instance, any boundary issues should be mutually agreed by the Presidents. Should there remain any dispute in respect to location of the property the National Management Committee will make a final and binding ruling.
3. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. Entries become final on completion of scrutineering and verification by the Registered Master Builders Federation.
4. Entries must have been built by a current financial member of a Registered Master Builders Association and/or the Registered Master Builders Federation. If the member is suspended, expelled or resigns during the competition their entry will be immediately withdrawn from the competition.
5. All entries must have been completed within two years prior to Sunday 28 February 2010. The completion date shall be the date of practical completion.
6. Entrants must gain consent from the property owner, who must also agree to reasonable promotion of the entry in the event of it winning an award. If requested, property owners' anonymity and privacy will be respected. All entries are entered on the basis of progressing to the national competition. Entries may not be accepted for local competitions only.
7. All entries must have a Certificate of Practical Completion at the time of entry. Please note this will need to be submitted and/or verified at the time of judging.
8. All entries must include a contract value as per the Entry Form and a set of typical elevations and floor plans (in A3 size).
9. All entries shall submit photos of the property at the time of entry. Additional arrangements will be made to photograph the property as required during the judging, as per arrangements made by each Association, to meet minimum photographic standards. These photographs will be used for media, promotional, event and publication purposes.
10. Entrants may not use or endorse the RMB Commercial Project Awards brand and/or wordtype in association with a competitor product/company of the national family of sponsors. If awarded a Quality Mark, award recipients must comply with the terms and conditions of use and continue to protect the client's confidentiality.

CATEGORIES

11. Commercial projects are defined as those for which building consents have been issued, the primary use is non-residential with a commercial purpose, and they do not qualify for a Master Build Guarantee.
12. Projects that have previously been entered and/or received an award may not be re-entered.

JUDGING AND SCRUTINEERING

13. Judges, scrutineers, coordinators and photographers are required to complete a confidentiality clause as part of their involvement in the competition.
14. The judges' and scrutineers' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
15. Judges and scrutineers have the right to disqualify entries.
16. A representative of the contractor, designer and client who is able to answer technical and contractual questions must be present on-site during the judging.
17. Entrants must make their property available for judging within the nominated judging period. Only significant events shall result in rescheduling of judging times and dates at the discretion of the Management Committee.
18. Scrutineers must be satisfied that an entry is in the correct category before judging begins. Judges and scrutineers have the right to move entries into other categories or disqualify entries if they believe they have been entered in the incorrect category. Entrants will be notified of the judges' or scrutineers' decision prior to judging commencing. Judges have the right to move an entry following judging, providing the entrant is notified of the decision in a timely manner.

19. Entrants and owners shall not contact judges for direct feedback on the judging process or results. Failure to adhere to this Term and Condition of entry could result in disqualification from the competition or submitting future entries.
20. All entrants must provide a photocopy of a map outlining directions to their property to assist judges.

GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE RECIPIENTS AND LOCAL CATEGORY WINNERS

21. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, together with category winners will be awarded locally, and more than one Gold, Silver or Bronze Award may be given in any category.
22. Awards are given to entrants whose entries are judged to be at least 50% higher than industry standard. Silver Awards will be given to those contractors whose entries are judged to be at least 65% higher than industry standard and Gold Awards at least 80% higher than industry standard. Industry standard will be set by the Management Committee.
23. Local category winners will be awarded to the entrant with the most points in the category, provided that the entrant is a recipient of a Bronze Award.
24. The RMB Commercial Project of the Year Supreme Award can only be awarded to Gold Medal winners.
25. The Top 25 Gold Award recipients, including the top three in each category, will progress to National Gold Reserve Award status.
26. Quality Marks may be used only by the company that has won the award and only used as per the associated guidelines and in conjunction with the Federation's brand guidelines, in particular as they relate to franchisees. Use is restricted to the company that received the award and cannot be passed on to another company or extended to associate companies or franchises/franchisees.

NATIONAL GOLD RESERVE AWARD RECIPIENTS

27. Entrants agree to participate in an un-paid media/promotional programme (e.g. press, TV interviews etc). National Gold Reserve Award recipients agree to participate in television production, as required.
28. National Gold Reserve Award recipients are required to pay a national finalist fee for costs associated with the national competition and gala event. This cost includes one gala dinner ticket, one night's accommodation and travel costs as agreed by the Registered Master Builders Federation as well as a contribution towards national judging as applicable. Please note there will only be one charge per entrant, irrespective of the number of properties that receive National Gold Reserve Awards. This National Gold Reserve Award recipient fee will be invoiced on selection as a National Gold Reserve Award recipient.
29. Should a Gold Reserve finalist be unable to proceed to the national competition (i.e. their owner removes permission for the property to continue) the company shall retain their Gold Reserve Award status, but not be judged or considered for a national title.
30. National Gold Reserve Award recipients (or a representative from their company) will be required to attend the national gala event in Auckland in November 2010.

GENERAL

31. Any grievances or complaints must be submitted in the first instance in writing to the RMB Commercial Project Team Leader who will forward them to the Management Committee for review, comment, consultation and resolution.
32. Any entrant failing to comply with these Terms and Conditions or behaving in an unprofessional manner as per the Registered Master Builders Federation's code of ethics, may be disqualified from the competition or face disciplinary action under the rules of the Registered Master Builders Federation.
33. The Management Committee of the Registered Master Builders Federation reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions or issue binding rulings on any matter not included in these Terms and Conditions. Such decisions shall be final.