



Conditions of Entry

- An entry must be a **business owned** by wahine of Māori decent (sole or joint ownership accepted) that has been operating for more than 12 months, with the exception of the Social Enterprise category.
- Entries into the Social Enterprise category must be organisations established and/or managed by wahine of Māori decent, with the majority of the organisation's workforce being of Māori decent, and must have been operating for more than 2 years.
- Entries will only be accepted by the wahine Māori owner of the business completing the official online entry form.
- Entrants can indicate specific details they wish to be excluded from any publicity gained through their entry.
- The winner of the "Te Kaipakihi tino Taumata" will be chosen by the judges from entries in the Business categories.
- Finalists will be announced on **2 September 2019**
- Winners of all categories will be announced at the Awards function on 19 October 2019 in Rotorua.
- At the Judge's discretion, an entry may be transferred to another category that they believe best fits the entry, if a transfer is made, the entrant will be notified.
- At the Judge's discretion, two winners may be awarded in a category and/or any other special commendations awarded where deemed appropriate.
- Any business owned by a sponsor can enter any category they are normally eligible to enter excluding the category which they sponsor.
- Applicants must disclose any issues that may compromise the integrity of the awards or cause their organisation to discontinue in the following year. These issues may include legal action, law changes, possible loss of funding, or other risks.
- All entrants must agree to take part in publicity around the Awards that has been organised by MWDI, and as requested by the category sponsor.
- Entrants may use consultants or other outside assistance to help them prepare their entry; however, the providers of any such external assistance must not be present during any part of the judging process.
- All entries are treated in confidence. Judges are required to sign a confidentiality agreement that prevents them from sharing any information in relation to entrants outside of the judging process.
- Judges will not participate in the judging of any entry where they are a Shareholder, Director or Employee of that business, or where an actual or potential conflict of interest exists.
- Judges will not participate in the judging of any other entries in a category where they are conflicted as above.
- The judges' decision is final, and no communications will be entered into.
- As part of the entry process, entrants' consent to the possible disclosure of their personal contact information by MWDI to its sponsors. This information may be used by sponsors for promotional and/ or sales purposes.
- Entrants are required to submit their application in a digital format via the online portal.