



# APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

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2024 APPRENTICE  
ENTRY GUIDE



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## APPRENTICE INFO

Apprentice of the Year celebrates the construction industry's future leaders. It recognises excellence amongst carpentry apprentices and raises awareness of what a great choice a career in the building and construction industry is.



### OPEN TO ALL CARPENTRY APPRENTICES

- Open to carpentry apprentices of **all** ages
- You **don't** have to work for a Master Builder
- You can be trained by **any** appropriate training provider

## KEY DATES

### Entries Open

8 March 2024

### Entries Close

12 April 2024

### Regional Practicals

8 June 2024

### Regional Awards

August-September 2024

### National Competition and Awards

7/8 November 2024

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Build your skills to fast-track your career
- Be recognised for being a great apprentice and a future leader
- Meet industry leaders and likeminded apprentices
- Get a free membership to Registered Master Builders for a year – loaded with free training and social events
- Win amazing prizes!

## ENTRY CRITERIA



Completed at least two years of your New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry L4 by 12 April 2024



First or second time entering the competition



You must still be an apprentice when entries close on 12 April 2024

## PRIZES

### Regional Winners

- \$2,000 CARTERS Account Credit
- The opportunity to attend a legendary 16 day Leadership Outward Bound course in the Marlborough Sounds
- Represent your region as one of New Zealand's top building apprentices at the National Finals
- The chance to attend the National House of the Year gala event including travel and accommodation paid
- One ticket to attend the Commercial Project Awards

### National Winner

- \$5,000 Career Advancement Grant from CARTERS
- Use of a brand new ute for one year, courtesy of principal partner CARTERS

Want some motivation to enter the competition?

ALL COMPLETED ENTRIES will get an awesome CARTERS Gift Pack.



## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?



"The competition has given me useful skills that I'll carry with me throughout my building career. Although there was exceptional time pressure, I still consider it to be one of the best experiences and learning moments during my apprenticeship."

**Joshua Fraser, Third Place National Finalist - 2021 Apprentice of the Year.**

"While no one build is the same, a lot of the day-to-day challenges are. So, for that reason it was good to pick up on what others are doing and take on-board useful learnings. Getting the chance to meet several industry leaders was another highlight. The whole competition has motivated me to set some future goals and work hard to achieve them."

**Finn Eden, 2021 Upper South Island Regional Winner**



## EMPLOYERS

Apprentice of the Year also celebrates your employer, for investing in apprentices and giving back to the industry. It showcases what a great employer looks like and the benefits to their business of mentoring the sector's talent.

### What's in it for your employer?

- Recognition as a leading employer for helping their apprentice realise their potential
- Meet industry leaders and get acknowledged for the role they play in the industry's future
- Attract talent by showing they value staff and the future of the industry
- Get exposure for their business for having a top apprentice
- Be in the running for an Employers Award for mentoring a winning apprentice



## MYTH BUSTERS

Does my employer have to be a Registered Master Builders Member for me to enter the competition?

**NO:** You can have your apprenticeship with any builder – they DO NOT have to be a member of Master Builders.

Who do I need to be trained by?

You can be trained by any appropriate training provider.

# WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE EMPLOYER?

"As an employer I'd probably encourage other employers to get their young fellas in on the competition. Firstly, there are so many benefits they gain from being in the competition. Not only tips, but also getting to know people and the experience. Even if they don't win, there is so much to be gained, winning is just the icing on the cake really. Secondly, it's a great marketing opportunity. It's all over social media, so it's really good, free marketing for the company."

**Chris Keane - Keane Building,  
Employer of Corrigan Harnett, 2020  
Apprentice of the Year Finalist**

Nigel credits Stephen Nicholson from BCITO as the person who strongly encouraged Dane to enter the competition. "Stephen did a great job of encouraging Dane to enter. Given the ups and downs of the last couple of years, as a business owner it wasn't something that was top of mind for me. However, after seeing how awesome the more apprentices in the future."

**Nigel Strickett - Coastal Concepts,  
Employer of Dane Schnell - 2022  
Apprentice of the Year National Winner**



## HOW IT WORKS

- I have completed 2 years minimum of my apprenticeship
- This is my first or second time entering
- I am still an apprentice at the time entries close on 12 April 2024



Application including reference and project submission  
(8 March-12 April)



Regional Practical  
(8 June)



Judging to determine  
Top 10 from each region

**REGIONAL FINALISTS**  
Top 10 from each region



Interview



Site visit



Regional Awards  
Events (Aug/Sept)

**REGIONAL WINNERS**  
Winner from each region goes to National Finals



National Practical  
(7 November)



Interview and  
National Awards Dinner  
(8 November)

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