

# **KZN TOP BUSINESS AWARDS 2025**

**Nominations/ Entries Open: 24 March 2025**

**Category Entries Close: Friday 13 June 2025**

## **CATEGORIES**

### **1. Manufacturing Sector**

Broadly defined as the physical or chemical transformation of materials or compounds into new products.

### **2. Transport/Logistics Sector**

Transport as an economic sector refers to activities concerned with land transport, railway transport, water transport, and transport via pipelines, air transport, and activities of travel agencies, post and telecommunications, courier activities, as well as storage and warehousing activities.

### **3. Franchising Sector**

A business that is owned by one or more people who provide products or services under the branding and rules stipulated by a parent company.

### **4. Family-Owned/Managed Businesses**

Open to businesses where the majority ownership/management remains within a family (or multi-family) structure, and where more than one generation (or a husband and wife team) contributes to the success of the business.

### **5. Agricultural and Agro-Processing Sector**

Incorporates establishments and activities that are primarily engaged in farming activities, but also includes establishments focusing on commercial hunting and game propagation and forestry, logging and fishing. The beneficiation of primary materials and intermediate goods from agricultural, fisheries and forestry-based sectors is included.

### **6. Business, Financial and Educational Sector**

This sector includes insurance and pension funding; legal; accounting; education and general business activities.

### **7. Community Upliftment and Improvement**

This award is open to businesses or social enterprises that have made a significant positive impact on the community and region they operate in. This could include: charitable efforts, or developing your local community. The motivation should be to make KZN a better place to live and work.

## **8. Renewable Efficiency – Green initiatives**

This category includes renewable energy, low-carbon transport, energy-efficient buildings, clean technologies, improved waste management, improved freshwater provision, etc.

## **9. Employee Wellness**

This award is for businesses that go the extra mile to engage their staff members and what difference this makes to the business. This may be through in-house training, flexible working, personal development, workplace wellbeing activity and teambuilding.

## **11. KZN Top Brand**

The top homegrown brand in KwaZulu-Natal is awarded based only on the results of a public poll.  
NO ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED.

## **12. Business Personality of the Year**

The KZN Top Business Leader's award is an HONORARY award given to a businessperson who has demonstrated exemplary business achievement, industry influence and is a true inspiration to others. NO ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

- The company or organisation must have an office in KZN
- The individual judging criteria differs for each category as specified in the award description.
- Awards shall be made to such of the entrants who, in the opinion of each panel of judges, are most worthy of the Awards offered, judged against the stated criteria description in each category.
- You must be able to show that your company contributes to the KZN economy and has a proactive business model that adheres to the principles of King IV.
- The emphasis is on the overall quality of the entry: the merits of the claims in the entry submitted.
- Email entries will be accepted ([editorial@mweb.co.za](mailto:editorial@mweb.co.za)) or online entries.

**PLEASE COMPLETE**

<b>COMPANY DETAILS</b>	
Full name of company	
Date established	
No of employees	
Name of account/ auditor	
Bank	
<b>KEY PERSONNEL</b>	
CEO	
Managing Director	
Marketing Director	
Financial Manager	
Other	
<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
Physical address	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Website	
<b>ENTRY COMPLETED BY</b>	
Name	
Designation	
Contact number	

## **PART 1**

Submissions should not exceed 2000 words.

(If you wish to submit an entry in more than one category, please add your motivation for that category. A separate entry form is not necessary)

N.B. Please supply a company logo and four to five high resolution photos with your entry, which will be used on social media and in a presentation at the gala dinner should you become a finalist.

### **Question 1. Motivation**

Provide an overview of the company/organisation's products and services and explain why you believe you should win a KwaZulu-Natal Top Business Award.

### **Question 2: History**

Explain a little about the entrant's history in the province

### **Question 3: Ethical culture**

Explain how the governing body/management and the wider organisation are being equipped and are on track to deliver on the goal of having an ethical culture being a responsible corporate citizen.

### **Question 4: Good performance and value creation**

Please provide the latest annual report if applicable or provide a letter from your accountant stating that your finances are sound.

### **Question 5: Adequate and effective control**

Explain the management/ governing body structure

### **Question 6: Trust, good reputation, legitimacy**

Explain how the company communicates and interacts with all its stakeholders – internally and externally to ensure its relationships are effectively managed.

## **PART 2**

Please provide evidence/ explain why you should win the award in the category selected.

Submissions should not exceed 1000 words. As a guideline:

- Explain why you have entered the category
- What evidence do you have for your success/impact? (Project completion, financial success, report, photos, testimonials, etc.)