



GENERATION APPRENTICESHIP

**APPRENTICE
OF THE YEAR**

**2025 LAUNCH AND
NOMINATION FORM**



We are delighted to announce that from today 01 May the 2025 Apprentice of the Year awards are open for nominations and will close at midnight on Monday 16 June 2025.

NOW IN A FOURTH YEAR, THESE AWARDS CELEBRATE AND ACKNOWLEDGE OUR ALMOST 30,000-STRONG COMMUNITY OF APPRENTICES, THEIR RESILIENCE, ADAPTABILITY AND CONTRIBUTION.

Nominations to the awards competition are free. They can be made by an employer, training provider, fellow apprentice, anyone who knows an apprentice well and believes that they deserve to be acknowledged with a national Generation Apprenticeship award. Nominations must be submitted using the online nomination form, this is available on the homepage of www.apprenticeship.ie.

Don't miss your chance to showcase and celebrate apprentices in your industry, sector, education and training organisation or region.

Organised by the National Apprenticeship Office, the awards spread the word on how apprenticeship in Ireland is transforming our workplaces and creating education and training opportunities for talented people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Every week more and more employers are choosing to recruit apprentices to ensure that their businesses grow and prosper.

Submitting a nomination

From today 01 May the nominations process is open for entries. Nominations are free and the nomination form is available on www.apprenticeship.ie. Nominations must be made using the online nomination form which is

available on the homepage of www.apprenticeship.ie. A copy of the nomination form is provided for information overleaf.

In general, there should only be a single nomination per apprentice. An organisation/individual may however nominate multiple apprentices. Apprentices must be currently completing an apprenticeship at the time of being nominated. An independent panel of judges will adjudicate on the awards after the closing date for nominations has passed, with a national awards ceremony planned for October 2025. Nominated apprentices will be assessed on their contribution in the areas of leadership, teamwork, creativity and problem-solving. Those nominating apprentices should include as many practical, 'real world' examples as possible.

Structure of the awards

The 2025 Apprentice of the Year awards will recognise and celebrate apprentices in all industries and sectors. Shortlisting may be used in line with the assessment criteria ahead of the final judging process and announcement of national award winners in October. We are looking forward to seeing great representation across all regions and apprenticeship occupations.

Warmest wishes to all.

Mary-Liz Trant, Executive Director and all in the National Apprenticeship Office

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IS ACCELERATING**



Nomination form THIS IS A COPY ONLY, FOR INFORMATION – PLEASE ACCESS THE NOMINATION FORM ONLINE VIA www.apprenticeship.ie

Name of nominated apprentice		Name of nominating organisation/individual	
Name of apprentice's employer		County where nominating organisation/individual is located	
County where apprentice's employer is based		Email address of nominating organisation/individual	
Apprenticeship programme of the nominated apprentice		What is the relationship of the nominating organisation/individual to the nominated apprentice?	
Year the apprentice is currently in			
Email address of nominated apprentice			

Please set out how the nominated apprentice is outstanding in the areas of leadership, teamwork, creativity and problem-solving. The nomination will be assessed in terms of the number of practical 'real world' examples you can provide of the apprentice demonstrating their achievement in each of the four areas. Please do not exceed 1,200 words for this section. The judging panel will only be able to review only the first 1,200 words of text provided here

Leadership 25 marks	
Teamwork 25 marks	
Creativity 25 marks	
Problem-solving 25 marks	

Submitted by		Date:
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Closing date for submissions: **Midnight Monday 16 June** using the awards nomination form, via email to awards@nao.ie.

Is the nominated apprentice willing to be contacted by the National Apprenticeship Office team as part of the awards process?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If you have any questions, our awards team will be happy to help: awards@nao.ie