

NATIONAL
INDUSTRY
Awards

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2026 AWARD FRAMEWORK

CATEGORIES

- National Safety Award
- National Achiever Award
- National Environment & Innovation Award
- National Driver of the Year Award
- National Outstanding Contribution Award
- National Supplier of the Year Award
- National Operator of the Year Award
- National Youth Award



KEY DATES

Nominations open: **1 February**

Nominations close: **31 August**

Judging: **1-20 September**

Shortlist **30 September**

Award presentation: **17 November**

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PURPOSE

The National Industry Awards are an opportunity to recognise and reward excellence within the Australian Bus and Coach Industry.

The purpose of this framework is to provide clarity around the Award categories, eligibility the award nomination criteria's, the nomination process and the judging process.

JUDGING AND ELIGIBILITY

- All nominations MUST be received using the approved BIC nomination forms, available at www.bic.asn.au/awards. All criteria must be addressed to be found eligible. All **mandatory fields must be answered.
- All nominators and nominees MUST be a current financial member of The Bus Industry Confederation (BIC), QBIC, TasBus, BusNSW, BusSA, BusVIC and/or BusWA within the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 Financial Years. Nominations will be checked for membership status eligibility.
- The panel members will each rank up to the top 4 candidates in each category. The nominee with the highest aggregate ranking being awarded (Borda Count). In the case of a tie the chair will decide.
- Nominations will be assessed by the BIC Judging Panel. The 2026 Judging panel is the Comms and Events Committee. BIC Secretariat and members of the judging panel are not eligible for nomination. Any member of the panel will stand aside from the panel due to a conflict of interest by informing the chair. The chair may require a member stand aside if they reasonably identify a conflict of interest (chair's discretion).

CEREMONY

The awards are presented at the Bus Industry Confederation (BIC) National Conference.

NATIONAL AWARD CRITERIA

NATIONAL INDUSTRY OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

*The nominee is a Bus and Coach Operator Member OR Supplier Member and demonstrated involvement in the industry for a minimum of twenty years.

1. How long has the nominee been involved in the Bus & Coach Industry? (Minimum of 20 years.) *
2. What notable and significant contribution(s) has the nominee made during their time in the industry? *
3. Has the nominee actively involved in any Industry Associations as a Board Member? Please list. *
4. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2026?
 - a. If yes, what association?

NATIONAL INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD



*The nominee is a Bus and Coach Operator Member OR an employee of a Bus and Coach Operator Member.

*The nominee is a Supplier Member OR an employee of a current financial Supplier Member of BIC.

1. Demonstrate the nominee's leadership in improving and promoting safety in the bus and coach industry.**
2. Demonstrate the management's commitment to safety in the bus industry.**
3. What practical measures has the nominee introduced to address safety issues.**
4. How has the nominee been innovative and pro-active in addressing safety issues?**
5. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2026?
 - a. If yes, what association?

INDUSTRY ACHIEVER AWARD

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*The Nominee MUST be a Bus and Coach Operator Member.

1. Describe how the nominee demonstrates their commitment to their employer.**
2. How has the nominee contributed to the industry at a local or state level?**
3. List the relevant qualifications (industry based or otherwise) the nominee has completed/achieved.**
4. Other notable achievements.
5. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2026?
 - a. If yes, what association?

NATIONAL AWARD CRITERIA

NATIONAL INDUSTRY YOUTH AWARD



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*The nominee's employer is a Bus and Coach Operator Member or Supplier Member. The nominee has a contract of training registered with their relevant state training authority and is undertaking or be due to complete training in the period 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026 in a training course that leads to a nationally recognised outcome or qualification relevant to this award.

1. Is the nominee is enrolled in any registered training organisation, state and progress/level?
If yes please outline. If not, are they intending to enrol in any registered training and when did they commence their career in the Bus & Coach Industry? **
2. What are the nominee's career and study achievements?*
3. What achievements and skills has the nominee demonstrated in relation to this award?*
4. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2026?
 - a. If yes, what association?

NATIONAL INDUSTRY OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



*The nominee is a current financial Bus and Coach Operator Member with demonstrated involvement in the industry for a minimum of ten years.

1. Demonstrate the management's commitment to the addressing social corporate social responsibility**
2. Demonstrate how the operator has positively influenced the Bus & Coach Industry's profile**
3. List the nominee's proven involvement in the industry as a company or individual. (Minimum of 10 years)**
4. Other notable achievements.
5. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2026?
 - a. If yes, what association?

NATIONAL INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENT & INNOVATION AWARD



*The The nominee is a Bus and Coach Operator Member OR Supplier Member.

1. Demonstrate the management's commitment to the environment and innovation.**
2. How has the nominee introduced practical measures to be innovative in their business including addressing environmental issues?**
3. How has the nominee been innovative and pro-active in addressing environmental and/or other business-related matters?**
4. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2026?
 - a. If yes, what association?

NATIONAL AWARD CRITERIA

NATIONAL INDUSTRY DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD



*The nominee is a current financial Bus and Coach Operator Member of BIC and demonstrated involvement in the industry for a minimum of ten years.

1. Demonstrate the management's commitment to the addressing social corporate social responsibility. **
2. Demonstrate how the operator has positively influenced the Bus & Coach Industry's profile. **
3. List the nominee's proven involvement in the industry as a company or individual. (Minimum of 10 years). **
4. Other notable achievements.
5. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2025?
 - a. If yes, what association?

NATIONAL INDUSTRY SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Nominee is a current financial Supplier Member of BIC and demonstrated involvement in the industry for a minimum of ten years.

1. How has the nominee supported BIC and the State Associations?
2. List the participation they have had in Association committees and/or working groups. **
3. List the nominee's proven involvement in the industry as a company or individual. (Minimum of 10 years). **
4. Other notable achievements.
5. Is the nominee a State Association award winner in 2026?
 - a. If yes, what association:

