



The Standard Bank Top Business Awards have firmly established themselves as a highlight of the KwaZulu-Natal business calendar.

This year the awards will once again celebrate successful companies and organisations in KwaZulu-Natal. The awards function offers an excellent opportunity for all business sectors to meet, be inspired and showcase their achievements to their peers. Each of the awards on offer celebrate and recognise business and organisational success across the economic sectors in both the private and public arenas.

WHY ENTER?

Nominees receive publicity and recognition of their achievements in KwaZulu-Natal and beyond through the KZN Top Business Portfolio website and e- newsletters.

- All finalists will be entitled to two free tickets to the gala event, where they will receive due recognition of their success, as well as coverage in the local media.
- Finalists receive media recognition.
- Winners receive a certificate and a trophy.
- Winners also receive the accolade of being judged the best in their field in KwaZulu-Natal.

In addition: The awards provide a great opportunity to boost team morale and reward staff for their contributions to your company/organisation. You can raise your profile to customers and potential investors.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The KwaZulu-Natal Top Business Portfolio Awards are open to all private and public sector companies

- The company/organisation must have an office in KwaZulu-Natal.
- Businesses may nominate themselves.

- Decisions by the judging panel are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

CRITERIA

The KZN Top Business Portfolio Awards' criteria have been drawn from the principles of the King IV™ Report on Corporate Governance™ in South Africa 2016, <http://www.iodsa.co.za>

King IV™ sets out the principles and recommended practices for all organisations to apply and explain in order to achieve good governance outcomes.

In line with King IV, the KZN Top Business Portfolio Awards focus on the organisation/company success in relationship to the economic, environmental and social spheres in KwaZulu-Natal. Factors such as brand and reputation, stakeholder relations and goodwill, environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and quality of governance are all considered.

CATEGORIES

An award is given in each of the following categories:

1. Agriculture: 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.
2. Mining: Includes the extracting, beneficiating of minerals occurring naturally, including solids, liquids and crude petroleum and gases. It also includes underground and surface mines, quarries and the operation of oil and gas wells and all supplemental activities for dressing and beneficiating for ores and other crude materials.
3. Manufacturing: Broadly defined as the physical or chemical transformation of materials or compounds into new products. This year both medium and large categories will receive an award to accommodate the large number of entrants.

4. Construction: Includes the site preparation, building of complete constructions or parts thereof, civil engineering, building installation, building completion and the renting of construction or demolition equipment with operators.
5. Trade: Wholesale and commission trade; retail trade; repair of personal household goods; sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles.
6. Transport, storage and communication: 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.
7. Business Services: Real estate activities; renting or transport equipment; computer and related activities; legal; architectural, and other technical activities; and business activities not classified elsewhere.
8. Financial Services: Includes financial intermediation; insurance and pension funding; accounting; bookkeeping and auditing activities;
9. Social and community services: Includes public administration and defense activities, activities of government, government departments and agencies; education, public and private; health and social work; sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities; activities of membership organisations; recreational, cultural and sporting activities; and personal services
10. Tourism: Encompasses many different economic activities under one heading. In terms of economic analysis, the tourism sector is distinctive in that it is not a sector formally classified as such in terms of the Standard Industrial Classifications. Considering the large contribution made by this industry to the KZN economy it has been decided to create its own category.
11. Partnership award): The winning project will reflect the importance of effective inter-agency collaboration and partnerships.
12. KZN leader This award is given to a business person who has demonstrated exemplary business achievement, industry influence and is a true inspiration to others.
13. KZN Top Brand: This award is awarded solely based on our online public poll- at <http://kzntopbusiness.co.za>

SCORING

Scores will be given through an analysis of each company's entry submission and followed up by interviews with key personnel if necessary, to avoid misinterpretation or fill in gaps in information provided. Final points will be awarded through round table discussions with KZN Top Business Awards' board members.

AWARDS EVENING

The decisions of the judging panel will be announced at a gala dinner. To be eligible to receive an Award, company representatives must attend the dinner.

ENTRIES

Companies may nominate themselves.

All nominees will be required to submit an entry as specified in the terms of entry.

Electronic entries must be submitted to awards@topbusiness.co.za

Final date for submission: 15 May 2020

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