

Assessor of the Year



2026 Entry Form

The **Assessor of the Year Award** recognises a qualified HITO assessor, showcasing exceptional assessment practices and consistency.

They will exhibit commitment and professionalism with their contribution to industry standards and learner success.

Prize

HITO Prize Pack



A certificate and engraved trophy

Timeline

- 14 August **Entries close**
- September **Finalists announced**
- November **Winners announced at HITO Graduation and Awards ceremonies**
 - Central** Wellington 1 Nov
 - Southern** Christchurch 8 Nov
 - Northern** Auckland 22 Nov

Entrant Details

Full name

Workplace Name

Address

City

Postcode

Region

Northern

Central

Southern

Phone

Email

Are you a current HITO assessor?

Yes

No

Instagram Handle (optional)

Rules of Entry

By entering you agree to abide by the competition rules:

- Entrants must be a current HITO assessor.
- Entrants must have assessed within the last 12 months.
- All information received and submitted is confidential.
- Entry form, written reference, release form and submission are **due by 14 August 2026**. No entries will be accepted after this date.
- The judges' decisions are final, and judges will be unable to provide individual feedback.
- Finalists will be announced in September 2026. Due to the number of entries, only finalists will be notified of the status of their entry via email.
- The winner will be announced at the regional HITO Graduation and Awards ceremonies.

How to enter

Entry Criteria

To enter the competition submit a **VIDEO** or **WRITTEN ENTRY** and answer the following questions.



TOP TIP The judges will judge on the 4 topics below.

Excellence in assessment practice

Tell us who you are and explain your role in shaping the future of the industry.



Professionalism and industry engagement

Show passion for the industry and demonstrate what your core values are.



Learner growth

Tell us how you support learner success



Contribution to quality and improvement

Demonstrate your creativity, productivity and innovation in your assessment practices.



Please submit a high resolution, horizontal (landscape) photo of yourself with your entry.

The video must not be any longer than **4 minutes**. Written entries must not exceed **1500 words**.

Please note

The video can be created on any platform and does not have to be publicly shared but must be sent through to HITO in high resolution.

Choose the format that best captures your assessment strengths and will inspire the judges. Ensure your entry is engaging, authentic and clearly highlights your impact on the industry.

Finalists will be asked to sign a release form. The winner's submission may be presented at the HITO Graduation and Awards ceremonies.

Judging Process

At all stages, judges score independently of other judges.

- **Stage one** of judging is carried out by HITO representatives. HITO will verify your apprenticeship learning progress and achievements upon receipt of entry.
- **Stage two** of judging is carried out by hair, beauty, and barbering industry representatives. During this stage, a shortlist of finalists is identified.

Submissions

All entries must be received by **Friday 14 August 2026** and accompanied by a completed entry form.

Please submit your entry by sending the file to marketing@hito.org.nz with your full name stated in the subject line.

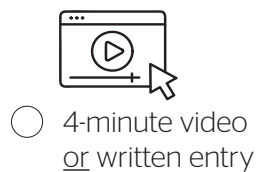
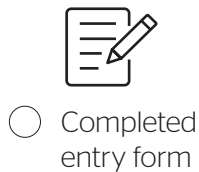
File too large to email?

If the video file is too large, we recommend using [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com) to create a link. Please submit your downloaded link to marketing@hito.org.nz



Is your submission complete?

Your completed entry should include ✓



Have a question?

Please email marketing@hito.org.nz if you have any questions regarding the entry criteria and format of the entry.