

#### 04 THE SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE AWARD

**PRIZE** The gold winner will receive a Compaq HP desktop computer system. Silver and bronze winners will receive Parker pens and all category winners will receive trophies and commemorative certificates.

In this category, sponsored by Scottish Enterprise, gold, silver and bronze awards will recognise the work of centres which have been working in partnership with employers and employees to improve access to and achievement of work-based education and training, particularly SVQs. In line with its strategy, Scottish Enterprise would particularly welcome nominations that demonstrate a contribution to the current development of any of the following:

- Innovative and farsighted organisations.
- Positive attitudes to learning and enterprise.
- An inclusive approach to economic development.
- Scotland as a competitive place in the world economy.

#### Guidelines for writing your submission

When making their decision, the panel of judges will be looking for examples of initiatives that demonstrate measurable business benefits of SVQs.

- Show business ownership of the SVQ process.
- Illustrate real partnership working.
- Successfully use SVQs as a business development tool.
- Lead to significant SVQ achievement (not necessarily large volume).
- Assist small to medium sized enterprises to benefit from SVQs.
- Show the relationship between SVQs and other qualifications.

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#### 05 THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE AWARD

**PRIZE** The gold winner will receive a Compaq HP desktop computer system. Silver and bronze winners will receive Parker pens and all category winners will receive trophies and commemorative certificates.

In this category, sponsored by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, gold, silver and bronze awards will recognise innovation, in the HIE area, by an SQA centre in meeting a rural or small business training need by creating local access to SVQs. Nominations that demonstrate current developments in the following areas are particularly welcomed:

- A partnership approach which brings together training providers, employers or other bodies.
- Innovative techniques in a wide variety of areas (such as design, delivery, assessment and evaluation).

#### Guidelines for writing your submission

When making their decision, the panel of judges will be looking for examples of initiatives which:

- Have been sustained over a period of time and which will continue into the foreseeable future.
- Have been evaluated.
- Show how the partnership approach has proved more successful than previous methods and where areas of responsibility have been divided or shared.
- Benefit the organisation and its employees/candidates.
- Benefit the local economy.
- Show future development.

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## SQA ANNUAL AWARDS 2002

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND COMMITMENT TO QUALIFICATIONS BY SCOTLAND'S CANDIDATES, SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, TRAINING PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES.

## Annual Awards Entry Guidelines



**THE SQA ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY, IN GLASGOW'S ROYAL CONCERT HALL ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2002, WILL CELEBRATE SUCCESS.**

**Entry Guidelines**

While examinations and qualifications are always meaningful, it is important that special effort and special commitment are given particular recognition. This is what these Awards intend to do:

- We want to recognise candidates who have faced up to and overcome their own particular challenges and/or have put their qualifications to good use.
- We want to salute centres that have made particular efforts to make sure that their candidates are not only well-presented but also well-positioned to use the qualifications they have gained.
- We want to reward excellence by individuals and establishments alike across all sectors of education – not just by schools and colleges, but by training providers, businesses and others too.
- In particular, through our Business of the Year Award and our Enterprise Awards we wish to welcome work that has helped address Scotland's Lifelong Learning agenda.

**Please join us in this celebration – entering for these Awards could not be easier.**

**01 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**PRIZE** The gold winner will receive a Compaq HP desktop computer system. Gold, silver and bronze winners will receive trophies and commemorative certificates. In addition, each winner will receive learndirect scotland online courses (10 courses for gold, five courses for each of silver and bronze)

This category, sponsored by learndirect scotland, is for businesses who have clearly worked to stimulate employers' commitment to training and staff development. Scotland's economic prosperity is inextricably linked to the skills and employability of its workforce. This award will reward businesses that show exemplary track records in human resource development. Any size of business can enter.

**Guidelines for writing your submission**

When making their decisions, the panel of judges will be looking for examples of businesses that demonstrate clear benefits from their commitment to staff training and development. In particular, evidence in the following areas would be welcomed:

- Employers' commitment to training and staff development.
- Evidence of employees' awareness of training opportunities.
- Development of attractive staff training packages.
- Evidence of positive benefits on business performance through training.

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**Submission structure**

Please ensure you include the following elements in your submission:

- Background on the nominee.
- Details of the nominee's educational achievements.
- Why their achievement is particularly noteworthy.
- How the qualifications have helped the nominee.
- How their achievements have had a far reaching effect – on fellow candidates, the school/colleges/workplace or wider community.
- How the nominee might use their qualification in the future.
- Any future intentions the nominee has to continue their personal development.
- How your submission was managed (if applicable).
- Why it was introduced (if applicable).
- Any cross curricular links - formal or informal.

**Submissions should be no more than 1,000 words and authorised by the head of centre.**

**02 CANDIDATE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**PRIZE** The gold winners will receive a Compaq HP mobile computer. Silver and bronze winners will receive Parker pens and all category winners will receive trophies and commemorative certificates.

There will be gold, silver and bronze Candidate of the Year Awards in three different categories: schools, colleges and training providers/others. These awards, sponsored by the Parker Pen Company, acknowledge candidates who have achieved SQA qualifications which demonstrate commitment in any of the following:

- To fellow candidates, community links or international exchange in their pursuit of SQA qualifications.
- Outstanding use of SQA qualifications made by candidates with special needs.
- Candidates who have made an outstanding contribution to centres, the community or fellow candidates.

**03 CENTRE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**PRIZE** The gold winners will receive a Compaq HP desktop computer system. Silver and bronze winners will receive Parker pens and all category winners will receive trophies and commemorative certificates.

There will be gold, silver and bronze Centre of the Year Awards in three different categories; schools, colleges and training providers. These awards will be presented to approved centres who can demonstrate not only good practice, but also the incorporation of innovative and, if possible, unique initiatives into their day-to-day delivery of SQA qualifications. Some areas which you might like to consider are:

- Approaches to assessment or quality assurance of SQA qualifications.
- Use of SQA qualifications for candidates with special educational needs.
- Use of new technology.
- Using or creating links and partnership approaches to delivery of SQA qualifications.
- Approaches for involving community and voluntary groups in the delivery of SQA qualifications.
- Using or creating European or international links to enhance the delivery of SQA qualifications.
- Business growth through innovative use of SQA qualifications.

**Guidelines for writing your submission**

When making their decision the panel of judges will be looking for nominations who demonstrate:

- Plans for future progression.
- How they benefit their local community.
- How SQA qualifications have broadened their knowledge and contributed to their personal development in innovative and unexpected ways.

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**Guidelines for writing your submission**

When making their decision, the panel of judges will be looking for examples of initiatives which:

- Have been sustained over a period of time and which will continue into the foreseeable future.
- Have been evaluated.
- Can show quantifiable benefits.
- Are integrated into the curriculum.
- Are not common practice.

