

# Terms and Conditions

## Master Builders Victoria Excellence in Housing Awards 2025

### General

1. Entry is open to current financial members of the Master Builders Association of Victoria (MBV).
2. All award submissions must be submitted online at <https://masterbuildersvic.awardsplatform.com/> by 11:59pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (the Closing Date).
3. The entrant acknowledges that MBV will be collecting and using personal information for the purposes of this submission. All personal information will be handled and used in accordance with MBV's Privacy Policy which can be found on the [MBV website](#).
4. All entrants must hold and provide evidence of any licences or registrations applicable to their category of entry.
5. All prices, including price per square metre, are to be inclusive of GST.
6. An entrant may withdraw their entry at any time through a written notice to the MBV Events team. No refund of the entry fee will be provided for entries withdrawn after the judging stage has commenced.

### Entries

7. Entries must be completed, with all relevant documentation included, by 11:59pm AEST on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
8. Entry fees are to be paid in accordance with the invoice once issued.
9. Entries that are incomplete after the Closing Date, will not be accepted, unless an extension has been approved by the MBV Events Team Leader in writing prior to the Closing Date.
10. Projects must have been completed and Certificate of Occupancy (or relevant completion certificate) obtained between 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 inclusive.
11. MBV & the Judges reserve the right to request any and all additional documentation they deem necessary.
12. Joint entries will be accepted, however both entrants must be current financial members of MBV and a single point of contact must be designated.
13. Entrants with reciprocal membership with MBV are also eligible; however, projects must not be more than 100km outside the Victorian border.
14. MBV reserves the right not to accept an entry for any reason and has complete and unfettered discretion in this regard.
15. Entries that have previously been entered into these awards cannot be resubmitted.
16. Projects that have previously won an award in any of MBV's award series are ineligible.

## Categories

17. If the judges determine an entry to be entered into an incorrect category, they reserve the right to transfer an entry into the category they deem appropriate. Entrants will be notified of this decision and the reasons, however there is no right of reply or appeal and the judges' decision is final.
18. The judges reserve the right to amalgamate categories if the number of entries is deemed insufficient or split categories if deemed necessary.

## Photographs & Documents

19. All documents and photographs submitted for an entry remain the property of MBV. By providing the documents and photographs, entrants acknowledge and agree that this material may be used for other purposes, including but not limited to, marketing, in the future. Entrants will ordinarily be acknowledged in all marketing or other material. It is recommended that all entrants keep a copy of their completed entry.
20. Entrants warrant they either hold the copyright, or have a licence agreement for the use of photographs included as part of their submission. Professional photographers must be made aware that photo credit lines will not be published on social media and will not be published within the awards Publications.
21. Entrants warrant that they have consent to use the photographs and documents without infringing on the moral rights of the creator.

## Judging

22. Judging appointments can be altered only at the discretion of the judges. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure there are no issues with access to the project for the judging period. Entrants will be notified of their judging time before the judging period commences. If there is a period of time that is not suitable for inspection this should be included in the comments section of the entry submission.
23. The judges reserve the right to decline to select a winner in a particular category if a minimum standard of excellence has not been achieved.
24. All information provided in the submission must be true and correct to the best of the entrant's knowledge. It is the responsibility of the entrant to inform MBV in the event of circumstances arising that would have rendered them ineligible at the time of entry.
25. Any project entered in more than one category (where allowable) must be submitted as a separate entry. Each entry must include a set of plans, all photos and an additional entry fee paid. No cross referencing is allowed.
26. The entrants must obtain written permission and the owner/client's co-operation in regard to access for judging.
27. Judges must have internal access to the project (where applicable) at the time notified for judging and must be accompanied by the project builder for the site inspection.
28. If the building is not occupied at the time of entering the awards but it later becomes occupied, permission and agreement to allow access must be obtained by the entrant from the occupier prior to judging.

29. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence directly with judges will be facilitated. The contact details provided for judges are strictly for issues relating to the scheduling of judging. Attempts to engage with the judges outside of scheduling issues may be grounds for disqualification. Judges are independent of MBV.
30. Judging decisions are based on the condition and presentation of the project at the time of the judging inspection.
31. All efforts will be made to ensure judging will occur in person, onsite with our judging teams. In the event of emergency circumstances such as a pandemic, natural disaster or other extreme situation, MBV reserves the right to alter the judging process for the safety of all stakeholders.

### **Nominees & Winners**

32. Category winners of the Master Builders and Asset Construction Hire Excellence Awards, will be automatically entered into the Master Builders Australia National Awards. Due to the limited number of national categories, only winners with a directly corresponding category will be entered. This is contingent upon the entry meeting any eligibility criteria set by MBA Australia.
33. In the event that multiple winning MBV entries would be eligible for entry into a single Master Builders Australia National Award a representative of MBV will determine which is to be entered. This is done at MBV's discretion and there is no right of appeal to this decision.
34. MBV does not notify finalists or conduct any shortlisting for these awards. All nominees are required for judging and all are eligible for an award on the night.
35. MBV reserves the right to disqualify an entry at any time. Where an entry is disqualified for no longer meeting the entry criteria of these awards or for a breach of these terms and conditions there will be no refund of any entry fees paid.
36. MBV reserves the right to rescind an award at any time where it is found that the entry was in breach of these terms and conditions or the entrant has engaged in conduct that places them in breach of the MBV Code of Ethics.