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Entries Now Open for the 14th ANZIIF New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards

Submissions are now open for the 2026 ANZIIF New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards, which recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations across the New Zealand insurance sector, shining a light on those leading and shaping the industry.

Hosted by ANZIIF, the annual Awards are one of New Zealand's most respected insurance industry events, celebrating innovation and professionalism and outstanding service, while strengthening connection across the insurance community.

The Awards stand out by showcasing insurance professionals across the full breadth of the insurance ecosystem, including broking, claims, underwriting, reinsurers, risk, life and general insurance, insurtech, professional services and service providers, highlighting impact and leadership across the sector.

Two prestigious honours also celebrate distinguished individual leadership and lifetime contribution to the profession, providing a platform to demonstrate achievement and gain industry recognition for those setting the benchmark for excellence.

Inviting submissions:

- Broker Network of the Year
- Claims Team of the Year
- Financial Advice Provider/Authorised Body of the Year – NEW
- Insurtech Start-up of the Year
- Small-Medium Broking Company of the Year
- Large Broking Company of the Year
- General Insurance Company of the Year
- Life Insurance Company of the Year
- Professional Services Firm of the Year
- Service Provider of the Year
- Underwriting Agency of the Year
- Young Insurance Professional of the Year

Please note: Submissions are not required for the Insurance Leader of the Year and ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement awards. These honours are determined through a separate industry nomination and judging process, consistent with the approach used for the Australian Awards.

A new fully automated digital platform has also been introduced, making the free submission process faster and easier for busy professionals to nominate themselves or their organisation.

New category spotlight

The introduction of Financial Advice Provider/ Authorised Body of the Year reflects the growing importance of advice-led models in delivering strong customer outcomes.

This award is open to a licensed Financial Advice Provider/Authorised Body. Entrants should demonstrate strong performance and outstanding customer-centric outcomes in New Zealand between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

Katrina Shanks, CEO of ANZIIF, says:

“The ANZIIF New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards celebrate the individuals and organisations strengthening our profession through innovation, professionalism and a deep commitment to supporting customers and communities. They champion the passion and progress that define our industry and recognise the achievements that build capability and inspire the next generation of insurance professionals.

“I encourage organisations and individuals across the sector to put forward a submission and share their accomplishments. These Awards are an opportunity to recognise the work that is making a real difference for New Zealanders and to celebrate that success together as an industry.”

This year, winners will be announced at a ceremony held at a new, world-class venue, the New Zealand International Convention Centre, on Tuesday 10 November.

With an enhanced event experience and an even more dynamic program, this year’s celebration promises an unforgettable evening reflecting the exceptional impact of the New Zealand insurance industry.

Key dates

- Submissions close: Sunday 5 July
- Finalists announced: Tuesday 8 September
- Awards night: Tuesday 10 November, New Zealand International Convention Centre

[Make a submission today and join a prestigious cohort of winners.](#)

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About ANZIIF

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