

The MSA New Zealand Metrologist Awards

Entries are now open for:

MSA NZ Emerging Metrologist Award 2026

1. Awards Motivation

Metrology is about measurement – good measurement, accurate measurement, traceable measurement. The Metrology Society of Australasia (MSA) exists to promote the science of measurement and to provide a forum for interaction of metrologists throughout Australia, New Zealand and the neighbouring communities.

The NZ branch of the MSA want to recognise and celebrate metrologists in all areas of our community, from those who work in, manage or support testing and calibration laboratories to those in areas of measurement research and development. Metrology careers are broad in scope and equally important. By offering these awards we acknowledge excellence and commitment and shine a spotlight on metrology as a career choice. There are two awards offered alternatively each year.

2. **NZ Metrologist of the Year** - based on lifetime achievements and contributions to the field; or may also be based on a single specific, highly challenging project that demonstrated metrological excellence; or other achievement(s) deemed worthy of recognition.
3. **NZ Emerging Metrologist of the Year** – based on an individual who has been in a metrology related industry for less than five years, who demonstrates competence and excellence in respect to technical knowledge, quality focus, client focus.

4. Procedure

The NZ MSA Committee shall announce a call for nominations for the NZ Awards in an MSA newsletter. Nominations will be open for several months, and at least one reminder shall be issued in an MSA newsletter approximately one month out from the nomination deadline.

5. Nomination

A candidate may nominate themselves or any other person for the award. The nomination must be in the form outlined below. The recipient must be aware of and be willing to accept

the nomination, and be willing to have details of their nomination used for publicity and promotional purposes, such as an article published on the MSA website.

There is no prescribed format for the nomination but it should consist of at least the following information:

- **Mandatory:**
 - Name of the person submitting the nomination (the proposer) and, optionally, a seconder.
 - Name and contact details of the person being nominated (the nominee).
 - General statement of why the person is being nominated, i.e. the nature of their “excellence” in metrology.
 - Supporting history of achievements, career highlights
- **Desirable:**
 - Brief outline of the employment history of the nominee.
 - Contact details of up to two referees who work with the nominee or have knowledge of the nominee’s excellence in metrology.

There is no limit to the number of times that a person may be nominated, except that award recipients should not nominate for future awards (i.e. people should not receive the award multiple times).

The nomination should be concise and be a maximum of two written pages, plus additional pages with pictures supporting the nomination including a portrait image of the nominee. The nomination shall be submitted to the Secretary of the MSA prior to the nomination deadline by email to secretary@metrology.asn.au.

6. Review Panel

The review panel consists of members of the NZ MSA membership and is appointed by the NZ MSA Committee. The composition of the review panel, including the number of panel members, is at the discretion of the MSA Committee. In order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, panel members should not have any close personal or working relationship with any of the candidates.

As there are a wide variety of fields and applications of metrology, there are no fixed criteria for judging the award. The review panel shall use their own criteria to make their selection, based on the nature of the nominations received, and may contact the proposer, the nominee, and referees for more details.

The decision made by the review panel is final.

7. Notification of Successful Candidate

When the review panel has completed their review, the review panel shall contact the successful candidate to confirm that they are willing to receive the award. If the candidate is not willing to accept the award, then the next successful candidate will be awarded. Note that as required in **Nomination** above, the proposer must contact the person they are nominating and ensure that they are willing to accept the nomination.

8. Award Presentation

The award will be presented during a major MSA event. The prize package for each award will be disclosed at the time of advertising, but normally include a certificate, cash prize and trophy. Ideally the successful candidate should be present to receive the award in person, but if this is not possible then either the award can be presented through a live online connection with the recipient or a proxy can receive the award in place of the recipient.

9. Questions

For questions about the award or process or whether a person would be eligible for nomination, please contact the MSA Secretary at secretary@metrology.asn.au