

National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards – 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards (NCSRA)?

National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards is the apex recognition by the Government of India for the outstanding CSR projects/programmes carried out by the companies in accordance with the Companies Act, 2013. Ministry of Corporate Affairs has instituted these Awards with logistics and technical support from the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) For further details please refer to the Scheme for National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards – 2022 available at official web portal (<http://.csr.gov.in>).

2. What are the objectives of National CSR Awards?

The National CSR Awards seek to:

- increase competition in various categories of companies to infuse excellence in their CSR activities;
- encourage companies to spend the entire amount i.e. eligible CSR spend;
- recognize the impact, innovation, usage of technology, gender and environment issues, sustainability, scalability and replicability of CSR activities; and
- channelize CSR activities of corporates so that the benefits of their activities reach the marginalized sections of society and in remote areas of the country.

3. What are the various categories and number of Awards?

National CSR Awards are conferred in following three main categories:

- Four awards for Excellence in CSR, based on CSR spend
- Five awards for CSR projects in Aspirational Districts / Difficult Terrains
- Eleven Awards for CSR projects/programmes in National Priority Areas

Three awards, one each in above three categories are reserved for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Apart from above 20 Awards, there may be equal numbers of Honourable Mentions.

4. What is the period (Financial Year) for which a Company is eligible to apply for NCSRA 2022

- Calculation of eligible CSR Spend is based on Financial Year 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- Project and related expenditure pertaining to Financial Years 2018-19 & 2019-20 is only eligible to be considered.
- For the nominated projects, based on the eligibility criteria, the impact of CSR programme / project will be considered upto 31.03.2021 (i.e. between 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2021)

5. What is the maximum number of nominations, a designated nominating organization can nominate?

A nominating organization can nominate up to maximum of 60 nominations (20 in each main category of Awards).

6. What are various phases of National CSR Awards?

- Nominations to be made by designated nominating organizations
- Shortlisting of nominations
- Call for detailed submissions for shortlisted entries
- Field verification.

7. What is the maximum number of awards that shall be given?

Up to 20 awards (including 3 awards for MSMEs). Apart from 20 main Awards, there may be equal numbers of Honourable Mentions.

8. What is the time limit (deadline) for accepting nominations?

Nominations shall be accepted online on <http://csr.gov.in> till 31 July 2022.

9. What is the procedure and mode of submission to apply for nominations for NCSRA 2020?

Only online nominations through designated nominating organisations as given in the scheme of NCSRA – 2022 will be accepted. Designated nominating organizations are:

- Ministries/ Departments of Govt of India
- State Governments and Union Territories
- Professional Institutions: ICSI, ICAI, ICAI
- National Level Trade and Industry Bodies/Chambers such as: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Federation of

Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME), Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), Laghu Udyog Bharti, IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and India SME Forum.

Companies may also contact these nominating organizations and may furnish information by using suggestive standard template as placed at Annexure – A of the Guidance Note for Nominating Organizations of NCSRA 2022 available on <http://csr.gov.in>.

10. Can a Society/ Foundation/ Trust be nominated for National CSR Awards?

No, only the companies registered under the Companies Act, 2013 are eligible for National CSR Awards.

11. What are the guidelines for nomination?

Please refer to the guidelines (titled: Guidance Note for Nominating Organisations – NCSRA 2022) for nomination which are available at official web portal (<http://csr.gov.in>).

12. Is there any fee for nominations of Awards?

No, there is **NO FEE** for nominations of Awards or at any other stages of the awards.

13. Is it compulsory to disclose the net profit made and eligible CSR spend?

Applicants must disclose the Net Profit and CSR Spend as per the mandatory compliance of Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

14. Is it mandatory for Companies to submit the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting in which constitution of CSR Committee was approved?

It is compulsory to submit the minutes as per the compliance of NCSRA, however, confidential part, if any, may be masked.

15. After successful submission of entries, is it possible to edit or withdraw the nomination?

Nomination may be reviewed before submission and changes may be made. But after submission, it is not possible to edit or withdraw the nomination.

16. Who can be contacted for the further information related to NCSRA?

Nodal Officer / Programme Manager, National CSR Awards
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