



NZ Nail Technician of the Year 2026

Who can enter this category?

Any qualified Nail Technician with:

- NZARBP membership
- At least three years of experience
- No serious complaints received about their work to date

How do I enter this category?

1. Thoroughly read the information below to understand the requirements for entering this category
2. Register and make payment to enter this category by completing the Registration Form here: <https://bit.ly/Register2026>
3. Upon receipt of payment, the Awards Administrator will forward you a link to the Category Entry Form
4. Minimum criteria must be met to be eligible for selection
5. Complete the Category Entry Form, upload your submission and submit it by **06 October 2025**

What do I need to provide?

Please prepare a submission for *NZ Nail Technician of the Year 2026* and include the following:

Contact Details:

Please provide the following contact details with your application:

- Full name
- Clinic name and address
- Email address
- Contact phone number
- Date

1. Tell us about yourself (30 points) 1000 words maximum

Describe yourself as a Nail Technician Include the following:

- Describe your relevant experience, background and supply copies of qualifications
- Provide copies of your industry qualifications and certifications achieved
- Provide details of your skill set
- Explain how you comply with NZARBP, Local Government and Central Government bylaws and regulations regarding health, hygiene and safety practices and infection control measures.
- Detail your area of expertise
- Tell us your reasons for working in the industry
- What are you doing to positively promote, help and or change the Nail industry for the future.

2. What are people saying about you and what have you achieved? (10 points)

- Please provide client/supplier endorsements and their contact details for verification
- Provide details of any awards, including a copy of the certificate

3. Portfolio (30 points)

Provide a full portfolio, demonstrating different applications, techniques and styles.

4. Video presentation – (30 points)

- Provide us with a video of yourself – video must include service set up, infection control procedures, and where possible 2 minutes of a service
- remember this is the final thing the judges will see so make it count 😊

What happens next?

Entries must be received by **06 October 2025**. Any entries received after this date will not be accepted.

You will receive notification via email by **05 November 2025 regarding the interview stage.**

Interviews will be conducted via video conferencing, with **dates to be confirmed.**

Finalists may receive a clinic visit.

All Finalists are expected to attend the Awards ceremony in **February/March 2026** at **Tote on Ascot, Ellerslie Racecourse, Auckland**. This is a formal event, and winners will be announced on the night.

NB: Please do NOT send your submission as an Apple pages document