



NZ Therapist of the Year 2026

Who can enter this category?

Any Beauty Therapist with:

- NZARBP membership
- A minimum of three years' experience
- No serious complaints received about their work to date

How do I enter this category?

1. 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**
6. Finalists will be interviewed in **November 2025**

What do I need to provide?

Please prepare a digital submission for *NZ Therapist 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

Entry Questions:

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

Describe yourself as a therapist.

Why have you entered these awards?

What does being a member of the NZARBP mean to you and your business?

Include the following:

- Describe your relevant experience, background and qualifications *Provide copies of qualifications ; current first aid; infection control/blood borne if doing treatments that require these*
- 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 drives you? What are you passionate about and give us some examples of your passion shining through*
- Tell us who inspires you and has helped shape your career?

2. What are people saying about you, and what have you achieved? (5 points)

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

3. Case Studies (25 points per case study)

Provide **three (3)** case studies showing your area of expertise. These should include before and after photos, a full explanation of how you came to the end result, products used and why, and how the ingredients will produce the desired effect.

Ensure you include a thorough consultation, a full description of the treatment plan including home care plans, and client testimonials.

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.

Finalists may receive a clinic visit.

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

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