

# Decorate New Zealand

## Regional Painting & Decorating Apprentice of the Year



*Will you be your  
Region's Apprentice of the Year?*

**Master Painters® New Zealand, in partnership with Resene and the BCITO, are very pleased to facilitate a Regional Apprentice of the Year competition. The winners of the 4 regional competitions will then compete at the Master Painters® New Zealand annual conference, with one being crowned:**

## **The New Zealand Painting and Decorating Apprentice of the Year**

### ***What is the Apprentice of the Year about?***

Apprentice of the Year, in association with Resene, recognises excellence in the specialised trade of Painting and Decorating. The award raises awareness, not only within the Painting and Decorating fraternity, but also customers, and the public. This competition will find the most well-rounded apprentice, taking into account, and testing for many skills, not only your trade skills.

### ***What's in it for Me?***

An opportunity to show off your growing skills as a future trades person and celebrate this with others in your year.

- Each candidate needs to submit two projects that they have either controlled or done the majority of the work on.
- This must be endorsed by their employer.
- These projects will then be assessed by representatives from MPA and Resene.
- All entrants will be invited to attend a regional celebration dinner of the trade, where they will also complete a quiz as the final assessment.
- The entrant's partner or a support person, will be invited to attend this function as well.
- Attendance at these functions for the Apprentice and their partner is sponsored by Resene.
- In specific circumstances travel and accommodation costs will also be provided.
- Other guests such as employers, family etc will be welcome to purchase tickets to the events to support the entrants.

### ***Who is Eligible to Enter?***

Full terms and conditions are on the last page of this application. It is important you read them.

- The competition is open to third year apprentices that are completing their Apprenticeships by July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- There is no age restriction.
- Each entrant must have a supporting endorsement from their employer.
- May need to have a current passport.
- There are no restrictions on who the Apprentice is employed by.

## ***The regions are?***

There are four regional awards, with the boundaries being:

1. Northern Region – Taupo and above, including Gisborne.
2. Lower North Island – the rest of the North Island.
3. Upper South Island – above the Waitaki River.
4. Lower South Island – below the Waitaki River, including Central Otago.

## ***How to Enter***

**Complete the Application form and submit your application no later than 5pm, the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in March**

(If posted it must be received by this date, email entries will not be accepted after this time).

## ***What Information do we need from you?***

- Personal Information - This section is so you can tell us who you are and how we can contact you.
- Employer Information - We will need the contact details of your current employer, so we can talk with them. If you are now self-employed ask your previous employer if they can be contacted by us.
- Apprenticeship Information - We will need to know the name and contact details of your BCITO Training Advisor.
- Have You Got What It Takes - Tell us why you believe you are worthy of being the Regional Painting and Decorating Apprentice of the Year (200-300 words).
- Portfolio Details — This is the exciting part, where you get to showcase project(s) that you are currently working on, or have completed, while in training. You can use your creativity to present this information, for example photos, video or any fantastic presentation method using technology if you wish. Don't forget we will need you to inform us about the project(s) ~ what your involvement was, the skills you used, challenges you faced and how you solved any problems.
- Permission for the assessors to view the projects is also required.
- Declaration - Don't forget to sign your application - this means you're letting us know that what you've submitted is a true and accurate account of your involvement in any projects in your portfolio.

<b>Stages of Judging and Important Dates</b>	
NB. You will be notified of your success, or otherwise, as each stage progresses.	
1. Entries open (NB. you can prepare your application earlier)	All year.
2. Entries close - portfolios must be submitted before 5pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in March each Year
3. On site assessments completed by	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday in April each Year
4. Dinner with Quiz	May/June each Year
5. Regional Winner and partner, attends competition at Master Painters® New Zealand Conference where a demonstration of skills challenge takes place.	September each Year

Remember to keep a copy for yourself, then send your Completed Application and Portfolio to:  
Decorate New Zealand Apprentice of the Year Entry  
C/- PO Box 40 355, Upper Hutt 5140 or for Courier packs, 7c Gibbons Street, Upper Hutt 5018,  
or, email to: [nationaloffice@masterpainters.org.nz](mailto:nationaloffice@masterpainters.org.nz)



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**Application Form**

**Personal Information**

Applicant's Name:	
Postal Address:	
City/Town:	
Phone:	Mobile
Email:	Date of Birth:

**Employer Information**

Company Name:	
Employer's Name:	
Postal Address:	
Phone:	Mobile:
Email:	

**Apprenticeship Information**

Training Organisation: BCITO	Other
Start Date of Apprenticeship (you can confirm this with your Training Advisor):	
Name of Training Advisor:	
Training Advisor's Mobile:	
Training Advisor's Email:	

## Tell Us Why You Have What It Takes to be the Regional Painting & Decorating Apprentice of the Year

What makes you the best-of-the-best? Tell us about your strengths, talents, on the job skills, leadership, self-motivation, initiative, communication skills, how you work with your team mates and relate to customers. What are your goals for the future and how you plan achieve them? (approximately 200-300 words - attach a separate sheet if you need more writing space.)

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### Portfolio - now is your chance to be creative and show off your skills

You can choose whether to submit your portfolio as a hard copy, or digitally, using any media that the judges will be able to access (for example, on a USB stick, by email, or send us a link). Also include details of a project that the judges can visit.

Remember to describe your project(s), talk about how you approached each project, the challenges and problem-solving skills you used to achieve an awesome result. Since you are likely to have been working in a team, don't forget to accurately tell us about your involvement. Remember to tell us about

- The advanced skills you used
- How you worked to specifications
- When you used initiative
- Include plans if available (remember to ask your employer first)

My portfolio is:

- Attached as a Hard copy
- Loaded onto USB and enclosed
- Uploaded onto a webpage \_\_\_\_\_
- Sent via Drop Box \_\_\_\_\_
- Employer's endorsement included.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration

- I declare that the information and materials included in this application form are correct and that I have read and understood the Terms & Conditions of Entry. I confirm that the detail, as provided in my portfolio, is my own work and I have not been assisted in preparation of this submission. I understand that providing incorrect information may result in my disqualification.
- I agree to participate in any media activity surrounding this competition.

Name: (insert above)	Signature: (insert above)	Date:(insert above)
Employers Name:	Signature:	Date:

## Terms and Conditions of Entry

1. Entrants must be Employed by, or contracted as, a painter & decorator at the time of the date specified above.
2. Entrants must have completed at least two years of their National Certificate in Painting & Decorating and be completing the third stage no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July of each year.
3. Entries must be completed in full, and signed by you, and your employer - your entry will not be accepted if it isn't complete.
4. You confirm that all details provided in the entry form are correct and that you have read and understood the terms and conditions of entry.
5. The judges must be satisfied that you meet the criteria established for the competition.
6. The judges have the right to disqualify any entries.
7. All judging decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
8. You agree to participate in judging and associated activities.

## *If I win, what next?*

Each regional winner and their partner will be hosted at the full Master Painters New Zealand conference, where they will compete for the overall title.

