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The Queen's Awards for Enterprise recognise the contributions and outstanding achievement of UK businesses in the following categories:

- innovation
- international trade
- sustainable development
- promoting opportunity through social mobility

Nearly 7,000 companies have been awarded a Queen's Award since they began in 1966. Previous winners have benefited from worldwide recognition and an increase in commercial value. They've also reported greater press coverage and a boost to staff morale.

About the awards

If you win you'll be:

- invited to a Royal reception at Buckingham Palace, hosted by Her Majesty The Queen
- presented the award at your company by one of The Queen's representatives, a Lord-Lieutenant
- able to fly The Queen's Award flag at your main office and use the emblem on your marketing materials
- given a Grant of Appointment and a commemorative crystal bowl

Competition information

- you must apply before midday on Friday 1 September 2017
- most UK businesses (including non-profits) can apply
- you must apply online
- you may apply for more than one category
- the awards are valid for 5 years