

OPSS Awards return to celebrate regulatory excellence in challenging times

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) will hold the Regulatory Excellence Awards 2021 on 10 June 2021. We will be highlighting current excellent regulatory practice by hosting a showcase virtual event for our stakeholders.

This year more than ever it is important to celebrate outstanding regulatory practice that has achieved positive outcomes in supporting businesses and protecting consumers. The awards will also demonstrate to the public the vital role that regulation can play in supporting and rebuilding the economy.

We have included four categories from previous years: Primary Authority, Better Business for All, Innovation and Technical, and Product Safety, and have introduced a new Coronavirus category. The judging panel will consider entries in these categories with a timeline that includes the second half of the 2019 calendar year, 2020, and the first quarter of 2021. We encourage stakeholders who submitted entries for the cancelled Regulatory Excellence Awards 2020 to resubmit them.

The five categories are open to individuals, and organisations of any size, whose work is relevant to operations in the UK. We look forward to receiving entries from a wide range of stakeholders including engineers, scientists, technicians, businesses, trade associations, and frontline regulators. The awards for all categories are winner, highly commended, and commended.

- Primary Authority: for anyone involved in the development and management of primary authority partnerships.
- Better Business for All (BBfA): open to BBfA partnerships, organisations, and individuals working in the BBfA programme.
- Product Safety: open to individuals or teams in business or regulatory organisations who have made a significant contribution to product safety.
- Innovation and Technical: open to anyone working in technical and scientific fields (including metrology and hallmarking) who have developed novel or technical solutions that have in some way contributed to protecting consumers and supporting business.
- Coronavirus: open to anyone who have demonstrated excellent regulatory

practice in their response to the pandemic. This may include helping keep people safe whilst businesses trade, supporting businesses to comply with new regulations, and aiding businesses economic recovery by helping them reopen.

Entry is simple, via a 500-word statement which demonstrates how the individual or organisation has made a real difference in protecting citizens and supporting the business community, using better regulation tools and principles. We are asking all stakeholders to submit a simple video with their entry. All finalists will be asked to make a video that may be shown at the virtual awards ceremony.

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Criteria and entry

The Awards are open to anyone involved in the delivery of regulation and compliance e.g., local authorities, national regulators, businesses, and trade associations.

Individuals, teams, or organisations can be nominated by others and/or themselves.

Entry forms are available from [Regulatory Excellence Awards 2021 Entry Form](#) (MS Word Document, 345KB) or from OPSSRegExAwards@beis.gov.uk

Deadline: entry forms must be returned to the Office for Product Safety and Standards by Friday 30 April 2021. Entries must be submitted online.

Short external endorsements may be included with entries.