



LEVELS OF RECOGNITION

IRELAND EXCELLENCE AWARD (insert Logo)

The Awards process is the key stimulator of business excellence for role model organisations in Ireland and on a wider international basis. The overall winners of awards have developed a mature approach to continuous performance improvement and international competitiveness

Organisations who have achieved the highest levels:

- will have applied the fundamental concepts of excellence throughout the organisation
- will have Introduced an organisational wide business improvement programme
- can demonstrate positive trend based results
- use external competitive benchmarks and comparisons as the basis for setting business goals

To find out more about each of these Europe-wide recognition schemes, click on the individual links below.

Committed to Excellence	A practical way to begin your organisation's Excellence Journey
Steps To Excellence	Introduced in 2000, STEPS recognition falls into three categories – Gold, Silver and Bronze. These relate to different EFQM scoring levels between 250 and 400 points, all of which are aligned to the EFQM Recognised for Excellence profile
Recognised for Excellence	A standard recognised all over Europe for organisations that demonstrate high levels of performance.
Ireland Excellence Awards	Recognises organisations in Ireland that have achieved a level of Excellence comparable to the best in Europe
European Excellence Award	The most prestigious competition for Organisational Excellence in Europe



Committed to Excellence

Designed for organisations or business units that are beginning their journey to excellence. A light touch assessment provides feedback on potential areas for improvement. These areas are then developed into business improvement projects. Committed to Excellence is ideal for creating momentum and building a culture of continuous improvement.

Steps to Excellence - Gold, Silver, and Bronze (insert logo)



STEPS was developed in 2000 initially for the public sector in partnership with the private sector specifically to promote and encourage Excellence while, at the same time, providing the public sector with a framework against which they could benchmark their performance and continuously improve.

There has been such a healthy response from across spectrum of public sector organisations that the scheme now incorporates the Private sector as well.

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Recognised for Excellence (insert logo)



What is Recognised for Excellence?

Recognised for Excellence is a Europe-wide recognition scheme that is designed for organisations that are well on their way to organisational excellence. Achieving Recognised for Excellence will demonstrate to your staff and customers that you are a high-performing organisation, dedicated to the pursuit of Excellence. Any organisation, regardless of size or sector can participate. Organisational units or branches within organisations may also apply

The Benefits

- External feedback from an experienced team of assessors, which help focus your organisation's improvement activity
- Prestigious international recognition, based on the most widely used management framework in Europe (EFQM Excellence Model)
- An opportunity to benchmark your organisation's current level of performance against European organisations

Ireland Excellence Award

What is the Ireland Excellence Award?

The Ireland Excellence Award is the most rigorous and prestigious business awards process in Ireland, allowing your organisation to assess how well you are doing and to benchmark your achievements against other organisations.

Participating in the Awards process gives you the opportunity both to gain valuable feedback and to win an award that is recognised across the UK and Europe as a mark of outstanding Business Excellence.

Who can apply?

The Awards are open to any organisation from the private, public or voluntary sector that has been operational for at least three years. You can apply at any stage of your journey towards business excellence and, although assessment is undertaken using the EFQM Excellence model, you do not need to be using this within your organisation to be eligible.

The Benefits

- Fully understand the current performance of your organisation and identify areas for improvement that will deliver bottom line benefit
- Receive written and face to face feedback on your application from an experienced team of assessors
- Potentially gain recognition across Ireland and Europe for your approach to business Excellence

European Excellence Award

What is the European Excellence Award?

The European Excellence Award gives your organisation the chance to be recognised in the most prestigious competition for Organisational Excellence in Europe. The European Excellence Award sits at the pinnacle of dozens of regional and national quality awards, so applicants compete against the best in Europe.

Who can apply?

Centre for Competitiveness recommends that only organisations that have won the Ireland Excellence Award apply for the European Excellence Award. However, if your organisation demonstrates outstanding levels of performance and you feel can compete against the best in Europe, please do not hesitate to contact Centre for Competitiveness on 28 90737950 to discuss further.

What are the benefits?

Winning the European Quality Award recognises your organisation as being among the best in Europe.

Not only are you recognised as a leader and champion, importantly, you will receive detailed written and face-to-face feedback from a team of extremely experienced assessors to help your organisation continuously improve its performance.

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