



Specialist Plant and Machinery Operators Excellence Award

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These dedicated women play a pivotal role in efficiently managing materials and machinery on construction sites, showcasing expertise in handling heavy trucks, excavators, cranes, developing improved work processes and more. Their responsibilities extend to ensuring safety both on-site and during transportation, as they actively lead the development of strategies for workplace hazard management.

This category is open to all women working as versatile plant and machinery operators on construction or infrastructure projects. Eligible nominees must possess the requisite licences and certifications for operating specific plant or machinery. These women are tasked with conducting quality checks on plant and machinery, often operating multiple machines within their certified range. Their skill set enables them to safely navigate and manipulate plant and machinery, estimating weights to comply with lifting limits and ensuring the secure distribution of loads during activities such as loading, unloading, and hauling materials around the site or to other locations.

Furthermore, they are role models to their peers and contribute to the mentorship of less experienced colleagues when needed. We are also interested in how they contribute to other women in the industry and in the wider community.

This category encompasses a diverse range of roles including; machine and plant operators, crane operators, rigging professionals, heavy truck drivers, water/wastewater operators, mechanics, bitumen tanker operators, stabilizer operators, road markers, and other specialist operators in the construction and infrastructure industries.

Please provide proof by way of a list of current certifications/competencies from your employer/training certifier.



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Judging Criteria

1. Explain the responsibilities of the nominee's role, the types of machinery and plant they are qualified to operate and the scope of responsibility for the scheduling, maintenance and repairs? and resource planning for the sites' equipment and plant.
2. Provide examples of their exceptional skill operating the plant and machinery, manage loads distribution and hauling materials around the site or to other off site locations.
3. How do they deliver excellence in communications with other siteworks and operators critical in the safe operation of plant and machinery in a busy workplace.
4. Describe how they adhere to health and safety regulations for the plant and machinery, and how equipment maintenance is managed, while operating within programme expectations and site and general public environments.
5. Describe what special qualities make them excellent.
6. Share any other activities they are involved in with other women in the industry and outside the workplace and wider community.