

Frequently Asked Questions

Question. Who all are eligible for Kaushal acharya awards 2021?

These awards are to recognize the achievements and performance of Training of Trainers (ToT) certified trainers and certified master trainers under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) scheme. There are two categories of awards:

- (a) National Award for excellence - Trainers
- (b) National award for Excellence – Master Trainers

Question. Who can nominate trainers and master trainers for these awards?

Based on the category of award, there are different modes of nomination as shown in table below:

Category of Awards	Self-nomination	Nomination by entity
National Award for excellence – Trainers	Trainers can self-nominate for these awards	Training Partners and State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs) can nominate PMKVY trainers for this category
National award for Excellence – Master Trainers	PMKVY Master trainers can self-nominate for these awards	Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) can nominate master trainers who had trained PMKVY trainers for this category

Question. How many applications/nominations can be submitted by the nominators?

- For self-nomination, each trainer/master trainer can submit only one application/nomination
- For nomination by Training Partners/SSDMs/SSCs, there can be only one application/nomination in each sector group for the respective category

Multiple nominations not adhering to above requirements should be avoided by the nominators.

Question. Is ToT certification necessary for applying for these awards?

Yes, valid ToT certification and master trainer certification are the necessary eligibility criterion for these awards.

Question. How many candidates would be awarded under Kaushal acharya wards?

There are a total of 10 awards to be awarded as per below:

Category	Number of Awards
Category 1 - National Award for excellence – Trainers	5
Category 2 - National award for Excellence – Master Trainers	5

Further for each category the five awards are divided into five sector groups, one award in each group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Electronics and Hardware	Apparel	Retail	Telecom	Construction
Furniture and Fittings	Persons with Disability	Logistics	IT-ITeS	BFSI
Sports	Life Sciences	Capital Goods	Beauty and Wellness	Tourism & Hospitality
Rubber	Food Processing	Plumbing	Management	Healthcare
Infrastructure Equipment	Mining	Gems and Jewellery	Green Jobs	Agriculture
Aerospace and Aviation	Textiles and Handlooms	Iron and Steel		Power
Hydrocarbon	Domestic Worker			Automotive
	Handicrafts and Carpet			Media and Entertainment
	Leather			

Question. When is the last date for submitting the nomination for these awards?

The last date for submitting the nominations would be 15th June 2021. No applications/nominations would be accepted after this deadline.

Question. Would application submissions through email or any other offline method be allowed?

No, all nominators must apply through the application/nomination portal which is a completely online process. No applications would be accepted that are submitted through any other means.

Question. How would the awards be announced?

The selected awardees would get a formal communication from National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) or MSDE informing them about their selection. An award ceremony would be organised for distribution of awards, the details of the ceremony would be shared with the awardees in advance.

Question. When is the award ceremony scheduled?

The award ceremony would be held on 5th September 2021 on account of Teachers' Day.

Question. Is there a standard format for recommendation/citation/feedback on trainers and master trainers?

For outstanding achievements, instances could be mentioned where the nominee has demonstrated use of innovative strategies, technologies and accomplished tasks beyond the regular duty. For recommendations, professional achievements including proficiency in thematic/job role knowledge, teaching abilities, communication skills etc could be mentioned.

In the citations section, the details of initiatives taken along with their impact should be mentioned.

Question. What is the shortlisting process?

A comprehensive scoring matrix would be used to evaluate the applications. This would include:

- Valid ToT certification/ master trainer certification
- Quantitative evaluation – Parameters considered would include number of certified candidates, %age placements of these candidates, or number of trainers trained in case of master trainers
- Qualitative evaluation - Parameters considered would include experience in the skill ecosystem, citations/recommendations, feedback

Specific committee would be formed to conduct the evaluation of the applications basis the above matrix.