

Profile

NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION



The **New Zealand Business Excellence Foundation** (*previously the NZ Quality Foundation*) was established in 1992 by private and public enterprise to improve the overall performance of New Zealand organisations.

Founding Patrons include Doug Myers, Ralph Norris, Stephen Trotter, Jim Bolger and the heads of many of the largest NZ Corporations at that time.

The Foundation is funded by industry and commerce and has full support from Government. Large and medium-sized New Zealand organisations have provided this support through financial assistance and also the personal involvement of some of their Chief Executives on the Board of Trustees.

Partner organisations of the Foundation include The NZ Institute of Management, The NZ Organisation for Quality, the NZ Benchmarking Club and the Massey University Centre for Organisational Excellence Research. We also have strategic alliances with several key service providers, both nationally and internationally.

The Foundation is recognised as the national leader in developing, promoting and recognising organisational excellence and is committed to providing New Zealand organisations with services and resources that support their performance improvement efforts. We exist to assist our members to improve their performance and capabilities.

Our mission is to stimulate and support business excellence in New Zealand by developing awareness and understanding of organisational excellence and by supporting and facilitating organisations on their journey towards excellence.

The framework used by the New Zealand Business Excellence Foundation is the internationally recognised and respected framework known as the “*Criteria for Performance Excellence*” and is an outstanding framework for both assessment and management of your organisation. New Zealand businesses adopt the Criteria as a model for managing and improving their overall performance.

The New Zealand Business Excellence Awards enables us to recognise New Zealand organisations that excel in business excellence and quality achievement and also allows them to benchmark themselves against the best in the world. The New Zealand Award is demonstrably comparable to other Quality Awards internationally such as the Australian Quality Award, the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the UK Quality Award.

The New Zealand Business Excellence Awards are open to all organisations in New Zealand – private, Government, service, manufacturing, small business, education, health, etc., and is funded by the contributions from members and patrons.

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