

NHB Award for Best Design in Housing

Best Design in Beneficiary Led Construction on a Smaller piece of Land

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who can participate in the Design Competition?

As per Section D of Para IV 'GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD' of the Competition Dossier, the Participation would be allowed under following eligible categories:

- **Registered Architects (viz. Architects registered with COA).** [i.e Registered Architect(s) in individual capacity or as a team (*please refer to dossier regarding maximum numbers of participants in a team*) may participate in the competition]
- **Students pursuing Architecture course in Institutions approved by COA through faculty members.** [i.e.Student(s) in individual capacity or as a team (*please refer to dossier regarding maximum numbers of participants in a team*) may participate in the competition by forwarding their request through their faculty member. However, faculty member cannot participate under this category which is meant only for students. One faculty member can forward one such application].
- **Architectural Institutions, approved by the Council of Architecture, through Head of Institution.** [i.e.An Institute represented by its faculty member(s) can participate in the competition through Head of the Institution. Only one such team (*please refer to dossier regarding maximum numbers of participants in a team*) can represent one institution].

2. Whether participants can submit entries for all three sub-categories (i.e. Plains, Hilly Region and Coastal Region) or submission for just one sub-category is allowed?

An individual participant or a team can participate in the Design Competition under one sub-category only (i.e. Plains or Hilly Region or Coastal Region). If an individual participant or a team is found to have submitted entries in more than one sub-category, the Bank, at its sole discretion, may reject all applications submitted by such participant or team and disqualify them from the competition.

3. Can a participant be part of more than one team?

A participant can submit only one entry either on individual basis or as a member of a team. Multiple entries by a participant may lead to disqualification from the competition.

4. After selecting the sub-category (Plains or Hilly Region or Coastal Region), how should the participant(s) go about picking a site within the same sub-category?

As mentioned in section 1.8 (Design Submission) of Annexure-I (Competition guidelines & Regulations) of the Competition Dossier, the participants are required to submit a concept note covering various aspects including the following:

“Detailed Write Up regarding list of applicable local authority guidelines, which must be complied while designing the Beneficiary Led Construction”.

Accordingly, the participant(s) should specify the jurisdiction taken into consideration while preparing the Concept Design of the Dwelling Unit along with the applicable local authority guidelines.

5. How many dwelling units are required to be designed in the prescribed plot area (i.e. 150 square meter)? Should it be single storey building or a multi-storey one?

The Award pertains to Best design in Beneficiary Led Construction on a smaller piece of land. Accordingly, a single residential dwelling unit within the prescribed Plot Area not exceeding 150 square meters is required to be designed in compliance with local building byelaws.

The dwelling unit should be sufficient for an average Indian family consisting of parents, husband-wife and children. However, there is no fixed family size. The design can be customized considering the need of family and other aspects.

6. Can the same faculty member register or mentor more than one team for the competition?

As per eligibility condition (ii) of Section B, Para IV (GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD) of the Competition Dossier "*Students pursuing Architecture course in Institutions approved by COA through faculty members*" can participate in the Design Competition. Therefore, student(s) in individual capacity or as a team (*please refer to dossier regarding maximum numbers of participants in a team*) may participate in the competition by forwarding their request through their faculty member. However, faculty member cannot participate under this category which is meant only for students. One faculty member can forward one such application.

7. In the case of registration through the architectural institution (via the Head of the Institution), is it permissible for the institution to register multiple teams?

Under eligibility condition (iii) of Section B, Para IV (GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD), an Institute represented by its faculty member(s) can participate in the competition through Head of the Institution. Only one such team (*please refer to dossier regarding maximum numbers of participants in a team*) can represent one institution.

8. Whether the unit area should follow the PMAY guidelines?

The NHB design award under "Beneficiary Led Construction on a smaller piece of land" is not covered under PMAY guidelines and therefore is not aligned with the same.

9. What happens if a participant fails to submit all the required documents or submits incomplete information at the time of application?

As per Section 1.8 (Design Submission) of Annexure-I (Competition guidelines & Regulations) of the Competition Dossier, the participants are required to make complete submission since the documents submitted at the time of Design Submission shall be treated as final. Participants will not be allowed to make any changes or submit additional documents after the Design Submission. Incomplete submission, if any, shall not be considered for evaluation.