

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)-NHB Award for Best Design in Affordable Housing

1. Who can participate in the Design Competition?

The Participation is open under 2 categories:

(i) Participant Category I

Registered Architects (*i.e. Architects registered with COA*) - Architects registered with COA can participate in the competition on an individual basis or in a team of maximum 5 members.

Note: Architectural firms are not eligible.

(ii) Participant Category II

Students pursuing Architecture Course – Students in 3rd year or above or students who have completed the bachelor's course in Architecture and pursuing post-graduation in related field, can participate as individual or in a team of maximum 5 members.

A forwarding letter from faculty member is required to be submitted by the participant during design submission (*refer to Annexure III of competition dossier*).

2. Can students from different colleges form one team?

Yes, provided all participants satisfy the eligibility criteria. Forwarding letter from faculty members of respective colleges is required to be submitted.

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

No, a participant can be a member of only one team. Participation in multiple teams is not allowed. Such duplication may lead to disqualification from the competition.

4. How do I register for the competition?

Participants can register for the competition on the NHB Design Award Portal. The portal can be accessed using the following link: www.designaward.nhbonline.com.

5. At the time of registration, enrolment number is required. What enrolment number do I need to fill?

The enrolment number refers to the participant's College Enrolment Number/Roll Number.

- If you are participating individually, then enter your own College Enrolment Number/ Roll Number.
- If you are participating as a team, then one team member is required to be nominated as Team Head and his/her College Enrolment Number/Roll Number should be entered.

6. Can I submit entries for more than one geographical category (i.e. Plains, Hilly and Coastal region)?

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Only one entry per participant/ team is allowed. Participants are required to choose any one of the three geographical categories i.e. Plains, Coastal and Hilly Region for design submission.

An individual participant or a team can submit an entry/design for only one geographical category. If participant is found to have submitted entries in more than one geographical category, NHB, at its sole discretion, may reject all the applications submitted by such participant or team and may disqualify them from the competition.

7. Are participants required to select a real site, or can a hypothetical site be considered?

The competition is an Architectural Ideas open competition. Accordingly, participants are expected to submit concept design only.

8. What is the maximum plot size?

Plot Area: Maximum 60 sq. mt.

Carpet Area: Minimum 30 sq. mt. and maximum of 45 sq. mt

9. Where are participants required to Submit their Design?

Participants are required to submit their design entries by uploading requisite documents in the NHB Design Award Portal. The portal can be accessed using the following link: www.designaward.nhbonline.com.

10. On what basis will my submission be evaluated?

Jury shall evaluate the design submissions based on following aspects:

1. Planning
2. Affordability
3. Sustainability
4. Innovation

As mentioned in the Competition Dossier, participants are expected to include minimum one-page write-up on each of the above mentioned four aspects in their concept note.

11. Do I need to preserve the original physical copies of my design/documents after submission?

Yes, the original physical copies of design/ documents should be preserved carefully and to be produced by the participant, in case it is asked for by the Bank/ Jury.

12. Can I modify my submission after final submission?

Participants may save, preview and modify their entries before the final submission in the award portal. Once the final submission is done, no further change will be permitted by the portal.

13. In addition to the minimum requirements of A2 sized drawings (42 cm x 59.4 cm) in *Landscape format to explain design concept (in PDF format) with layout plans and views (sections and elevations)*, can I submit additional drawings illustrating my design idea?

Yes. In case the participant wishes to submit additional drawings for better presentation of design idea, the same is acceptable subject to submission of minimum requirements of layout plans and views (sections and elevations).

14. Whether prize money shall be transferred after deduction of applicable Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)?

Yes. The prize money shall be transferred after deduction of applicable Tax Deducted at Source (TDS).