

BABTAC & CIBTAC AWARDS 2026

Small Salon 2026

Why should you enter the BABTAC & CIBTAC awards?

The BABTAC & CIBTAC Annual Awards is one of the most prestigious dates in the beauty industry calendar. Our awards seek to recognise and reward excellence within the industry and provides the opportunity to boost your profile, both locally and nationally. Winning an award can do wonders for morale and motivation and can also reassure your clients that your services are recognised within the industry as first-class.

Who can enter this category?

Any salon that has been open and operating for at least 12 months and has between 1 and 3 treatment rooms and more than 1 therapist. (Please note if you have 3 rooms and the judges assessing your application believe you should be in the Large Salon Category they reserve the right to move you to that category – all supporting evidence is identical so you will not need to redo anything. You will be advised if this does happen)

What do our judges want to see?

Our judges want to find the best Small Salon in the industry and this salon needs to:

- Have excellent customer service skills and standards of professionalism, with a superb offering to attract and retain new and existing clients
- Be accomplished at performing a range of treatments to the highest standards
- Demonstrate a desire to improve their business through continued professional development and training
- Demonstrate outstanding business practice, including marketing, finance and planning

How to enter:

STEP 1: Read the above **criteria** for this category and ensure you meet it before proceeding with your application

STEP 2: Read the '**Terms & Conditions**' carefully and sign and date a copy to submit with your application

STEP 3: Complete the '**Entry Form**' for the Small Salon category, available to download on our website [here](#)

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STEP 4: Provide the following **‘Supporting Information’** along with your signed **‘Terms & Conditions’** and completed **‘Entry Form’**:

- ✓ A copy of any relevant continual professional development (CPD) records for yourself and your employees ([what is this?](#))
- ✓ Proof of qualifications and training certificates for all therapists of the salon (**Non-members and Associate Members only - Insured members do not need to supply these as we have them on record**)
- ✓ BABTAC membership certificate (members) or proof of insurance (Non-members or Associate Members)
- ✓ Signed terms & conditions
- ✓ A portfolio of evidence to support your application, for example: business plan, treatment list, marketing strategy/plan, client testimonials, planning documents, photographs or video link (**preferably sent as a YouTube or Google Drive Link (or other link option) rather than as a full download - for example via WeTransfer - unless there is no other option**) showcasing you salon, and relevant financial records, CPD programmes, etc.

STEP 5: Send **all** the above information to awards@babtac.com

What happens next?

1. The entry deadline is **2nd April 2026**. After the deadline, our judges will consider each submission and its supporting evidence.
2. If your salon is chosen as a **semi-finalist**, you will be notified around the **mid-May** and asked to do a scheduled online interview with a judge at a date to be confirmed between the **30th May – 29th June 2026**.
3. The finalists will be chosen thereafter and they will be notified at the **beginning of July**. Finalists will receive a site visit from a judge as part of the judging process. All treatments performed on the judge during the site visit will be provided at the expense of the entrant - not the judge or BABTAC & CIBTAC. This will be pre-arranged and take place between the **3rd July – 21st Sept**. The winner will be announced at our prestigious Annual Awards Ceremony at The Fairmont Windsor Park on Sunday the **8th November 2026**

Good Luck