

AWARDS ONLINE PORTAL USER GUIDE 2025

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<mark>FYI Moment</mark>

Find things quickly!

Press [ctrl] + [F] and type in a distinctive word to help you find all sections you are looking for. E.g.

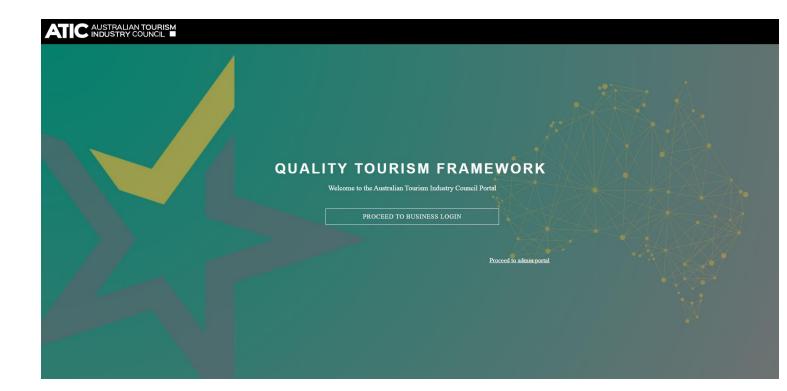
[ctrl] + [F] images

[ctrl] + [F] formatting

[ctrl] + [F] table

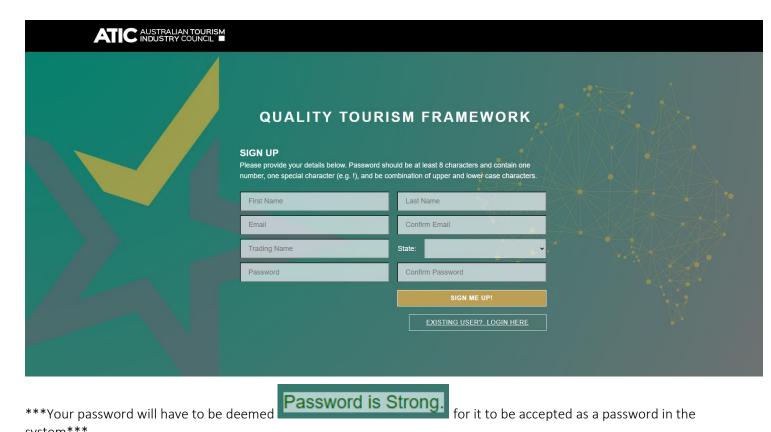
Accessing the Awards System

- 1. The system is located at https://online.qualitytourismaustralia.com/
- 2. As an entrant: click on [PROCEED TO BUSINESS LOGIN]



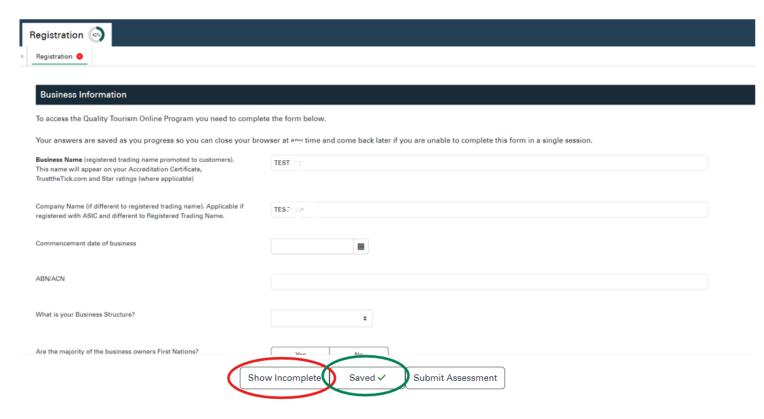
Signup

If this is your first time using the system - please make an account



Your password will have to be deemed system

Register your business by filling in all of the correct information.



[Save] = Saving you answers (it automatically saves anyway)

[Show incomplete] to see fields you have missed. It will not let you submit until every questions on every page has been completed. Please note: you can enter a "X" or "n/a" if the question does not apply to you. EG: Booking.com link: N/A

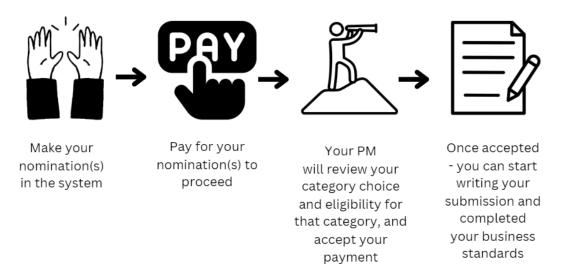
[Submit Access] = when you are ready to submit your business standards OR entry submission.

You will then be shown this screen when completed. Please login.



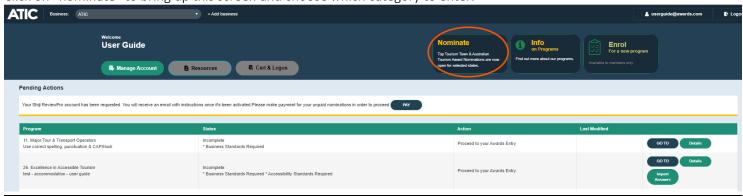
How to Nominate in the awards

Process

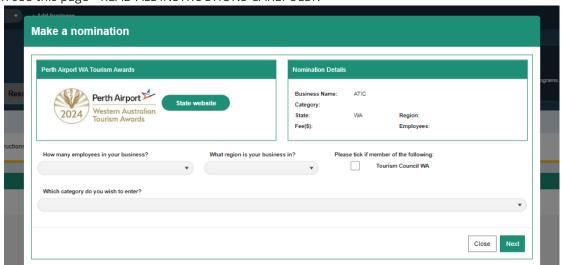


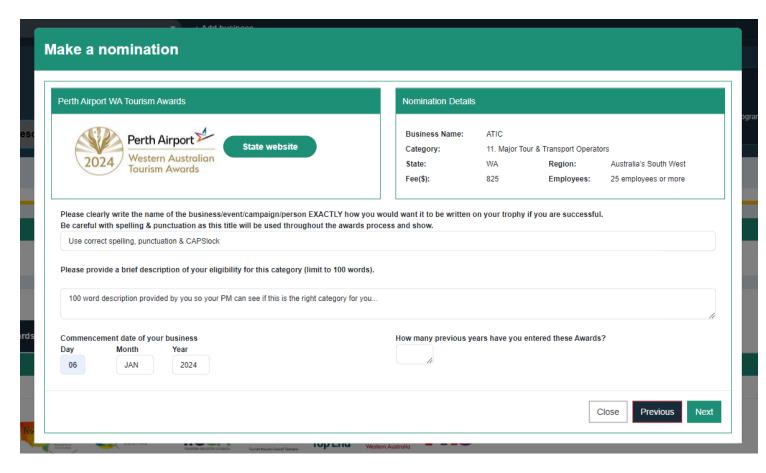
Making a Nomination

Click on "nominate" to bring up this screen and choose which category to enter.



You will then see this page - READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.



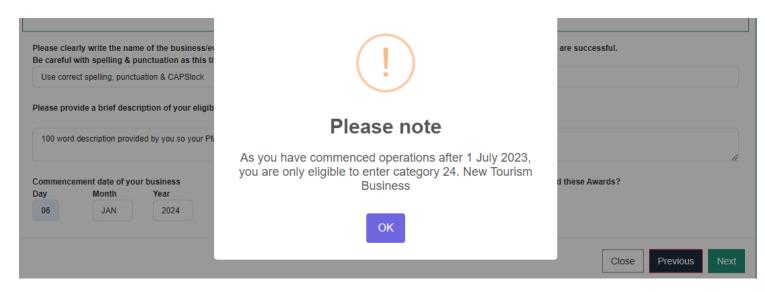


Brief Description

Provide a brief description of why you are eligible to enter that specific category. Read the categories and their criteria CLOSLEY and make sure you have the right amount e.g. of staff, visitor numbers, facilities etc. to enter THAT category. If your Program Manager feels you are not eligible for that category, they will contact you to discuss. If they feel you are eligible, they will email you with approval, you can pay and then start writing your submission.

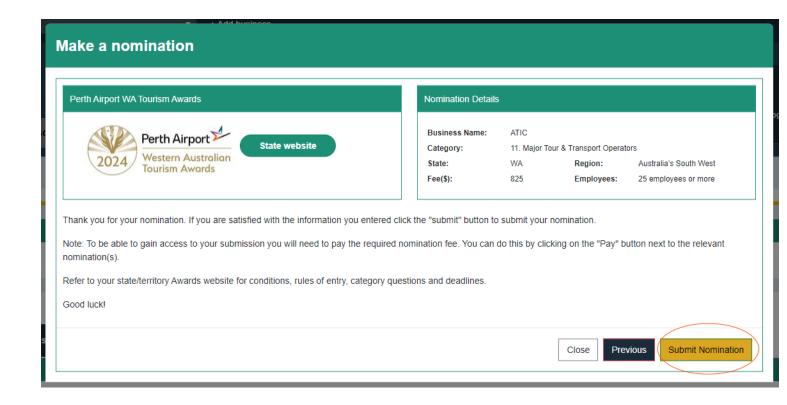
Business Commencement Date

Businesses that commenced trading/visitation or service delivery for the first time WITHIN the qualifying period MUST enter the New Tourism Business category. They cannot enter any other category. 1^{st} July - 30^{th} June is the qualifying period.



Continue to fill in all information for your business.

Remember all fields MUST HAVE text in them. N/A will suffice

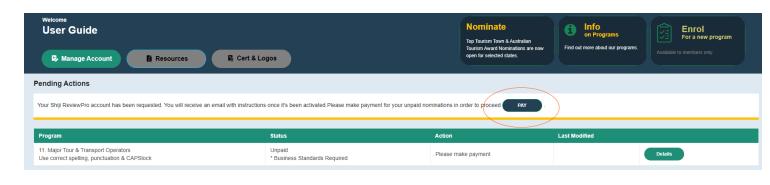


Paying for your Nomination

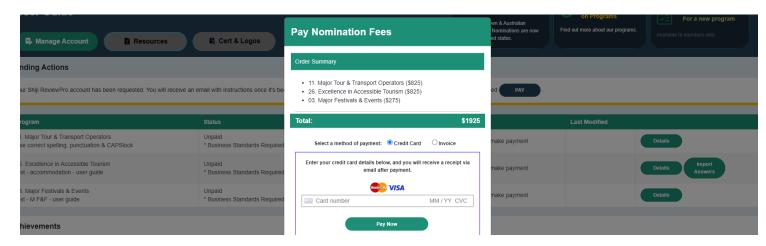
For ease - make sure you nominate in all categories you want to enter before paying.

You must pay to start writing your submission

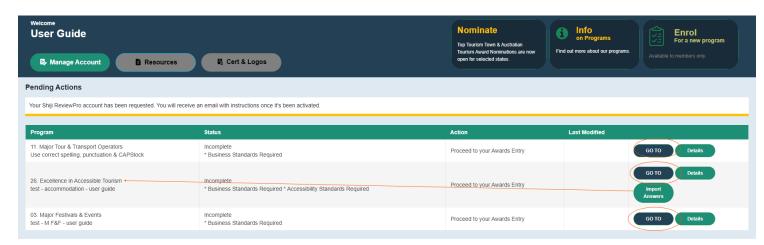
The [PAY] button is found here



You can pay via Invoice or Credit Card.



Once you have paid for your nominations - you can start writing your entry to the awards.



FYI moment

Regional Vs State

If you are nominating a business from a state that is also running regional awards, e.g. QLD, Whitsundays then the process to apply will differ slightly compared to the rest.

You will be asked to enter:

- 1. State Awards
- 2. Regional Awards
- 3. or Both.

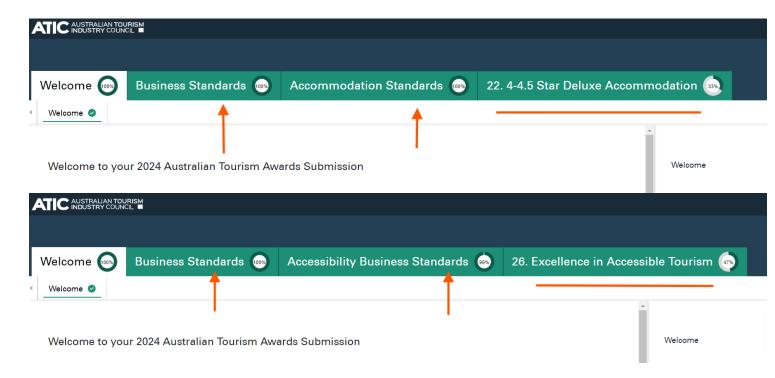
If you choose 'Both' - it will be just 1 nomination you have to complete for the regional & state awards instead of 2.

Business Standards & Accommodation Standards

You are exempt from these if you are already accredited in the QTF. But:

- You will need to complete the Business standards to enter the awards
- You will need to complete the Accommodation standards if entering an accommodation category
- You will need to complete the <u>Accessible</u> standards if entering the Excellence in Accessible Tourism category

You can find these as TABS when you access your category to start writing your submission. The last TAB will always be where you write your submission.



To complete your submission

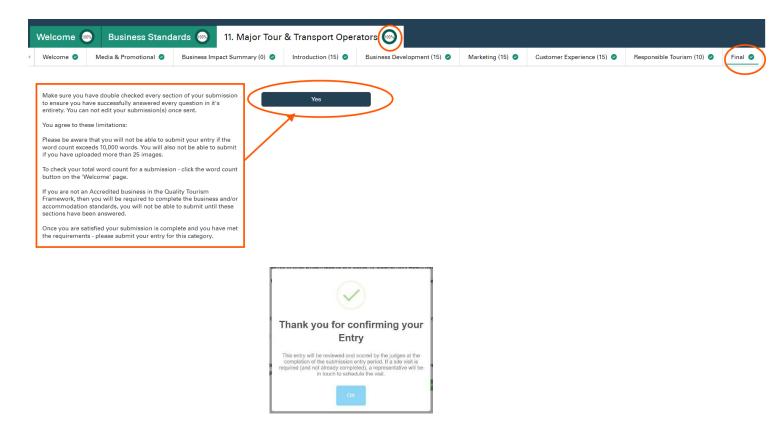
You will not be able to submit your Awards entry until the Business Standards and/or Accommodation Standards have been submitted (if they are applicable).

If you enter the Accessible category - you also must complete these standards to be able to enter this category and cover all relevant parts of your business that caters to guests with accessible needs.

Once everything in your submission has been completed - you can navigate to the **Final** Tab.

- Please read through the information on the Final Tab and hit [Yes] to submit your entry
- If you are not able to hit [Yes] you have NOT completed everything
- You must have
 - o Business Standards completed
 - o Accommodation Standards submitted (if you are entering an accommodation category)
 - o Accessible Standards submitted (if you are entering an accessible category)
 - o Awards submission all questions completed

for the [Yes] button to show at the end of the Entry.



FYI Moment

Once you have submitted your awards submission - you will not be able to change anything. BE SURE YOU ARE HAPPY WITH YOUR SUBMISSION.

Viewing your Progress

The awards submission is divided into sections. You can clearly view your progress and see the questions in each section.

You can see your progress through the submission via these bars.

- Red [X] = not complete
- Green [tick] = complete



At the bottom of the page in each section is:



- Show Incomplete = every question MUST be answered. This will show any that have not been completed
- Save Changes = This will save the text you have put in so you can edit later
- Submit Assessment = This will take you to the FINAL tab where you will have to accept the T&Cs. It will not allow you to unless you have completed 100% of the entry. It will tell you on the headings bar what your progress is.

Media & Promotional Details

- Spelling, format of punctuation etc. will be carried over to trophies, award slides, award programs etc. if you are successful.
- Hero images will be used throughout the awards process use images to showcase what your product/service is and make it easy for viewers to understand what your businesses does
 - o E.g. Hotel show the rooms or pool
 - o Tour show people enjoying being on the tour at an attraction
- FYI Moment please name your images correctly.

Dashboard Features

This screen is your DASHBOARD

Top

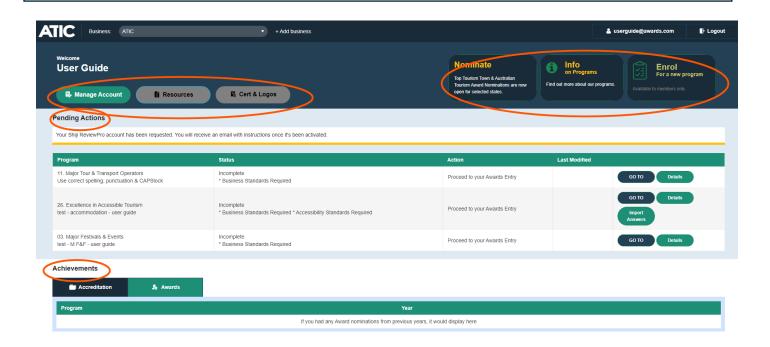
- Manage your account users, company details etc.
- Resources view guides on how to use the system etc.
- Cert & Logos download important assets that would be of use to you
- Make a nomination into the awards
- Info on Programs see what else the QTF can offer you
- Enroll for a new program

Middle (pending actions)

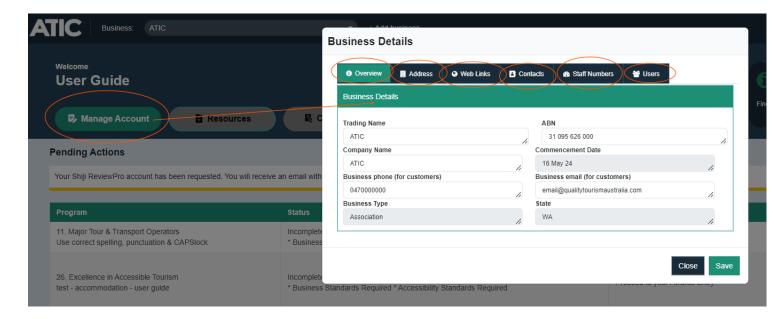
You can also see what is pending - this is where your nominations will show.

Bottom (achievements)

Here you can see previous Achievements. This will be a log of all previous awards entries, alongside any QTF programs you have achieved.



How to edit your Account & Business Details



Manage Account

Overview = Company details. Your company name will be carried through invoices so please make sure it is correct.

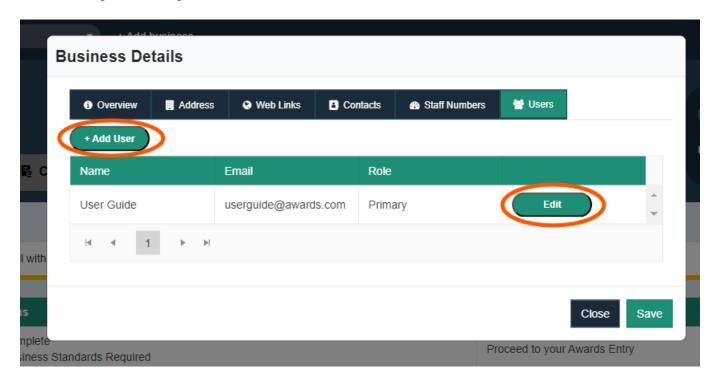
Address = Address of head office

Web links = please make sure you include as many as you use. Your online review section of your awards section will pull from here.

Contacts = Please keep contacts up to date. Register a member of staff who is likely to be there year on year rather than an admin assistant who might be for the short term.

Staff numbers = How many people work in your organization. This might affect what category you enter so be accurate.

Users = adding and deleting user accounts in this section.

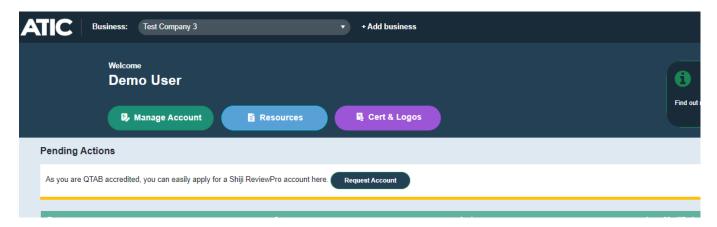


ReviewPro - obtaining an account

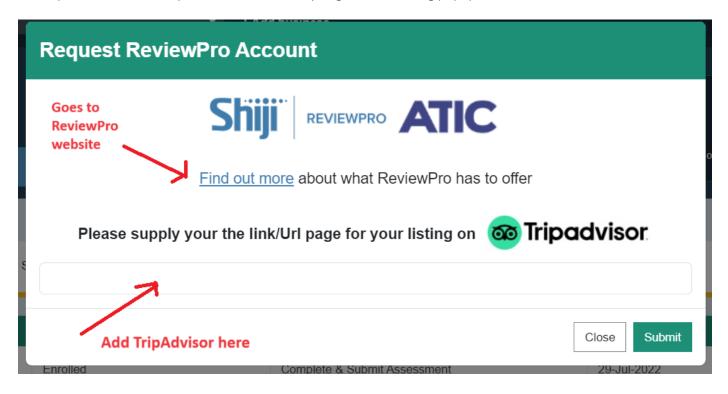
As part of your awards entry and accreditation you get to use the useful tool: Shiji ReviewPro.

When you nominate in a category or if you are Accredited, you will be granted an account.

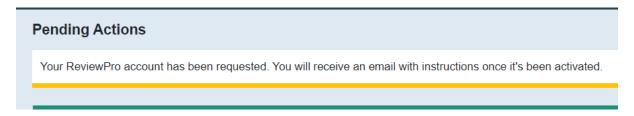
It is incredibly useful to assess what is being said online about your business via popular review sites - **learn to use it for your benefit.**



When you click on the "Request Account" button you get the following popup:



Supply your Tripadvisor URL and click "submit"

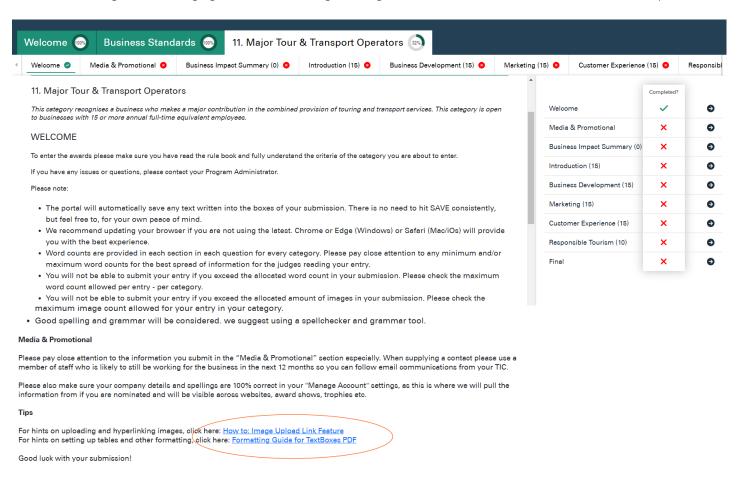


Between 1 and 7 days the email address registered should receive an email with instructions how to activate the account.

Writing your Entry

Please read the formatting and image guide before you start.

The Welcome Page has an Image guide & a formatting Tables guide. Please also see below for how to use the portal!



Entering Data

Copy & Paste

With the NEW ENTRANT'S PORTAL, comes NEW RULES. Please read the formatting guide carefully so you can fully understand how to use the portal.

DO!!!

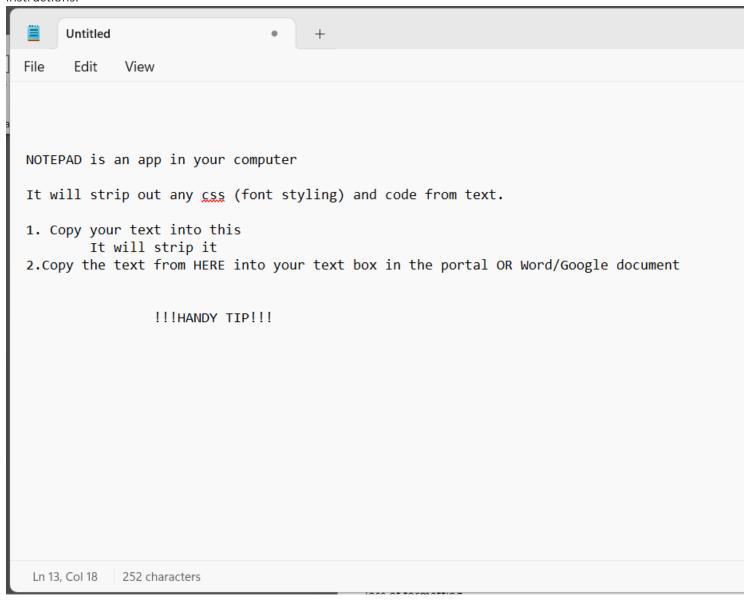
- Have a backup copy of your entry saved outside the portal
- Make a google account so you can use Google Docs this is the easiest word document software to copy and paste text from into the portal. It is free! And you can find the "How to Use" info here...
- Use the formatting tools in the portal to make your text say what you want it to say!
- If using <u>a table</u> to demonstrate your point, please **1. Make and 2. Populate it in the Portal.** This will save you any hassle trying to copy it from other software. It will not 100% look the way it did in Google Docs or Word.
- **Read the guide!** It is comprehensive software and it will save you so much time if you read the instructions given. You can find these on the *Welcome Page*.
- **Listen to the word count** that is shown in the portal. Some software will or won't count / ' " The overall word count that is in the portal is the TRUE WORDCOUNT.
 - o *Tip* Keep a spreadsheet of how many words are in each question.

DON'T

- Copy text from your old submissions into the new portal.
- Copy text from websites straight into the portal. Your "about" page on your website could possibly carry malicious code and our portal system won't accept it. See the FYI moment below form copying text from websites -> Notepad -> word/google doc -> portal
- **Listen to the word count in word/google docs -** only listen to the portal's count... otherwise it won't let you submit (10,000 words max)
- Copy & paste Tables into the portal make tables IN the portal for ease.
- Expect highlighted text to carry over from word/google docs into the portal

FYI Moment

If you put text into your NOTEPAD app (it is in all computers) it will strip the font styling. See below image for instructions.



Word Count

Remember - the word count in the portal is the only TRUE wordcount

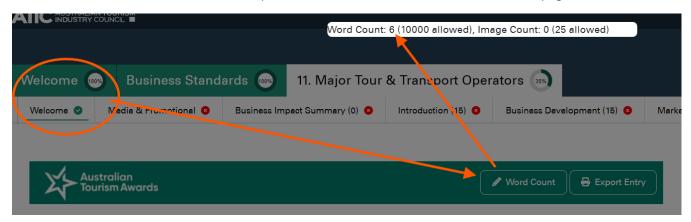
Categories 1 -25 = 10,000 words MAX

Category 26 (Accessible) = 4,000 words MAX

- You are required to stay within the overall total word count requirement for the entire entry
- This includes words in tables
- The number of words used for a particular question is displayed bottom right



To see the overall word count for the entire entry, click the word count button on the Welcome page.



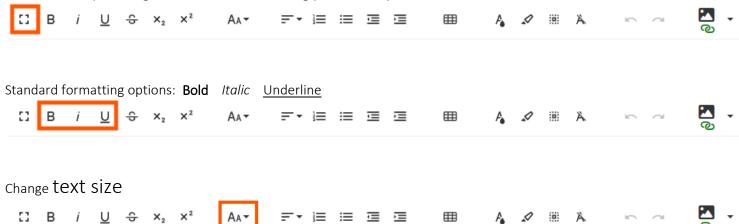
You can keep track of how many words are in each question by using a spreadsheet and the <u>AUTOSUM</u> <u>functionality</u>.

Text Editor Functions

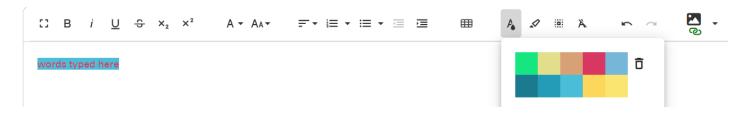
The toolbar will provide you with all of the options to enhance your text. Most functions will copy over from Word.

All except the colour of the text and any highlights around the text

You have the option to go full screen when entering your text so you can see clearer.



Change the colour of your text and highlight in different colours



Change your alignment



Create a numbered list



- 1. the first thing is
- 2. I second that
- 3. add in a 3rd

Add bullet points

- · the first thing is
- · I second that
- add in a 3rd

Increase / decrease paragraph indentation



Indent your text

Subscript



Select all contents of textbox (useful for apply formatting option across all text) and **removing all formatting** from selected text.



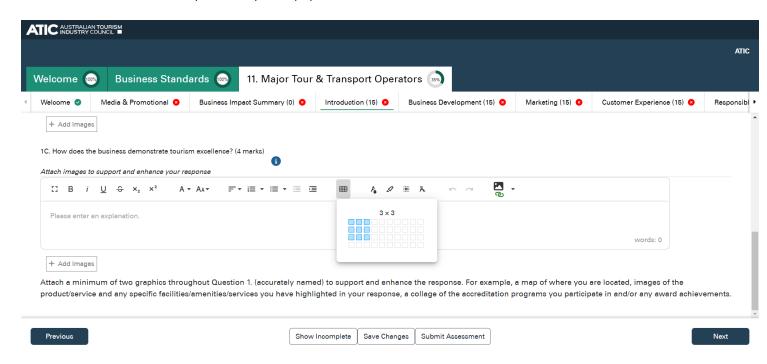
Tables

Tables can be pasted from Google docs, Word or Excel - but they won't copy your formatting.

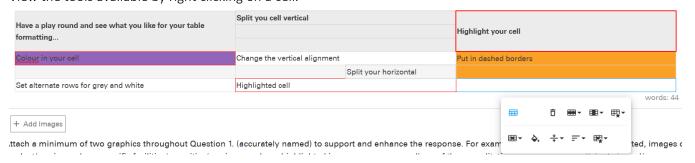
FYI Moment

You are better to make and populate a table directly in the system.

How to create a table in the system for you to populate.



There are some tools within the table to personalize it to the way you need. View the tools available by right clicking on a cell.



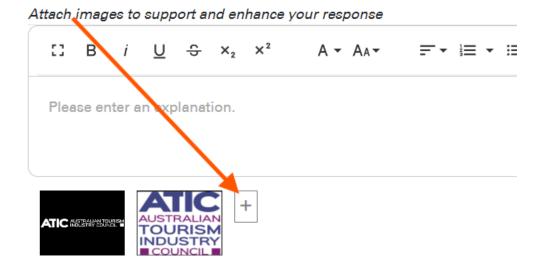
Images

Uploading

You can upload images in a jpeg or png file (max 10MB) to your submission to assist the judges in understanding your product to the fullest.

You have 25 images MAX (15 in the accessible category) per award submission. DO NOT BULK UPLOAD IMAGES!

You can upload images to each section - keep count however!



Captions

You can add captions to your images to explain what something is. Eg; rear pool

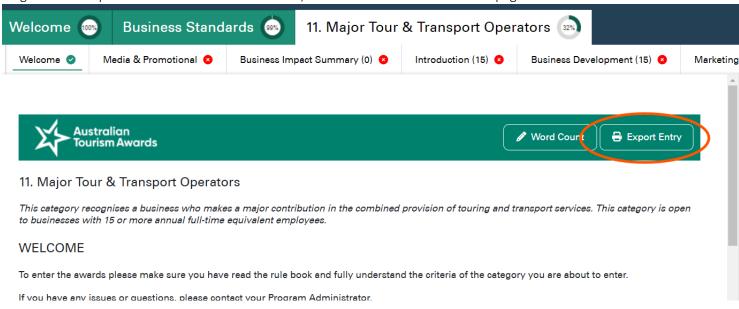


Hyperlinked Images

You can also hyperlink an image in the text in your submission. Attach images to support and enhance your response A iii A A - AA-F * 🗎 * 🗎 * 🗏 Enter an image for the judges to click on to see your point alongside the answer... Our rear pool at the hotel

Generating a word document

To generate a report to view the entire submission, download it from the Welcome page.



Images and tables might appear differently in the report than online. It should be noted that the report is not used in the judging process, it is merely a document for you to keep on record

Review and Submit

The tabs show what has been completed and what still need to be completed.

Ticks & Crosses

A red cross indicates not all questions have a response.

Marketing (15) 💈

A green tick indicates the section has been complete.

Responsible Tourism (10) 📀

When all sections have been completed you can view the last steps on the FINAL tab to submit your entry for the awards.

How to get back to original dashboard

If you want to return to the main dashboard of the QTF and your awards entries - go back to the original tab in your web browser (each section will open a new tab for ease).

You can log out from the original dashboard page.

Draft Review

Click Submit for Draft Review (only available for some states)

Submit for Draft Review does not submit the entry - it puts it into draft review mode.

You will be informed via email when your entry has been reviewed and you will be able to see the notes on what to improve upon.

OR

Submit your finalised Entry (once clicked - your entry will no longer be editable!)

If you click [Submit] you have completed the process. Your Entry will now be reviewed and scored by the judges. Your submission will reload and become read-only when you click OK.

If you have exceeded the word or image count you will be unable to submit your entry

Accessible Category - Importing text

As the accessibility category mirrors questions from other categories, should you choose to enter other categories in addition to this category, you will have the option to import the responses to your accessibility submission.

Please read through and make sure it makes sense to the Accessible category. You will lose points if the question is not answered for the right category. You can still edit your text after importing over

To clarify, the following table lists the questions in the categories 1-25* and where they appear in the Excellence in Accessible Tourism category.

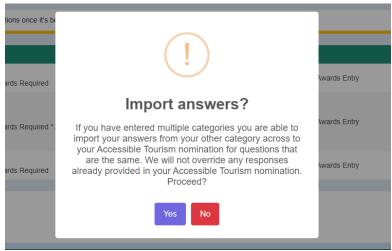
Categories 5,6,7 & 9	All other categories	Converted to the Accessible
		Tourism Submission
1.A	1.A	1.A
1.B	1.B	1.B
5.A (excl. cat 7)	4.A	2.C
5.C	4.C	2.A

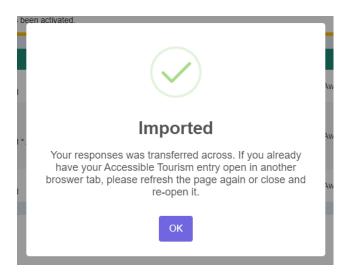
FYI moment

The following categories will not have this option as their question sets differ too much:

- Major Festivals and Events
- Festivals and Events
- Tourism Marketing and Campaigns

Please Note:





After you have imported your answers - refresh the page to view.

Troubleshooting

My table is not pasting correctly

If you are using Microsoft Edge V41 or above, any table pasted from Excel will convert to an image. Try pasting the table into Word first, and then from Word to your entry.

Alternatively, if you have copied a table direct from a website the formatting may be interpreted incorrectly.

My text is not pasting correctly

If you have copied direct from a website the formatting may be interpreted incorrectly. Try pasting into notepad to strip it of outside formatting rules (right click –select Paste – choose option Keep Text only) first, to clean up any formatting.

My image won't upload

- If you are seeing the message 'Something went wrong. Please try again' then your image file size may be too large or an unsupported file type (images must be JPG or PNG)
- 10MB upload limit exists.
- 25 images per entry MAX (15 images MAX in the accessible category)
- Upload images 1 at a time. DO NOT BULK upload

I am unable to add any text

If you are not connected to the internet, you will not be able to edit your submission. Connect to the internet and you will be able to proceed.

I can't see the submit button

On the Final tab the Submit button will only appear if ALL sections have been completed. This includes Business and Accommodation Standards if applicable to you.

My Table won't keep its format

Tables are best constructed IN the portal. If you must copy & paste a table in - please be aware it will not retain a highlighted cell colour but most other formatting.