



Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India

ACMA Excellence Awards 2026 – Guidelines

1. Introduction

The Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) is pleased to announce the **61st ACMA Excellence Awards 2026**, recognizing outstanding achievements across corporate and plant-level operations in the Indian auto component industry.

These awards aim to promote excellence, innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness among organizations.

Why Participate in ACMA Excellence Awards 2026?

- Gain expert feedback and identify improvement opportunities
- Enhance brand visibility and industry recognition
- Showcase best practices and drive continuous improvement
- Build credibility through ACMA's transparent evaluation process
- Connect with OEMs, Tier 1s, and industry leaders
- Benchmark against top performers and strengthen competitiveness
- Boost employee morale, engagement, and innovation
- Stay engaged with ACMA learning and networking platforms
- Align with national initiatives like Make in India, Digital India, and SDGs

2. Award Categories

From this year onwards, companies are eligible to apply for both Corporate and Plant-level categories across all applications, **except organizations that were Platinum Winners in the previous year**, however they are eligible to apply in remaining categories.

A. Corporate Level Awards

1. Excellence in Technology Development
2. Excellence in Enterprise Strategy & Growth
3. Excellence in Strategic Sourcing & Supply Chain Management
4. Excellence in Energy Leadership & Management

B. Plant Level Awards

1. Excellence in Digitalization
2. Excellence in Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)
3. Excellence in Exports
4. Excellence in Manufacturing

5. Excellence in New Product Design & Development (NPDD) & Localization
6. Excellence in Safety
7. Excellence in Skill Development
8. Excellence in Tier 2 Supplier Development

3. Eligibility & Turnover Categories

(A) - Corporate Level Awards

2026 - Awards Categories, Criteria, Norms & Awards Application Fee					
Company Group Turnover in INR Cr.		Small	Medium	Large	Very Large
Period April 2025 to March 2026		Up to INR 100 Cr	> INR 100 Cr to 500 Cr	> INR 500 Cr to 1000 Cr	> INR 1000 Cr
Award Application Fee for 1 Application		INR 50,000/-	INR 85,000/-	INR 1,10,000/-	INR 1,50,000/-
Award Application Fee for 2 Applications		INR 75,000/-	INR 1,30,000/-	INR 1,60,000/-	INR 2,25,000/-
Award Application Fee for 3 Applications		INR 1,25,000/-	INR 1,60,000/-	INR 1,95,000/-	INR 2,75,000/-
Award Application Fee for 4 Applications		INR 1,45,000/-	INR 1,90,000/-	INR 2,25,000/-	INR 3,50,000/-
1	Excellence in Technology Development	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
2	Excellence in Enterprise Strategy & Growth	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
3	Excellence in Strategic Sourcing & Supply Chain Management	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
4	Excellence in Energy Leadership & Management	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
ACMA encourages companies to apply for multiple award categories through attractive progressive pricing benefits.					

(B) - Plant Level Awards

2026 - Awards Categories, Criteria, Norms & Awards Application Fee					
	Company Group Turnover in INR Cr.	Small	Medium	Large	Very Large
	Period April 2025 to March 2026	Up to INR 100 Cr	> INR 100 Cr to 500 Cr	> INR 500 Cr to 1000 Cr	> INR 1000 Cr
Sr. No	Award Application Fee In one fee you can apply to all 8 categories (18% GST extra)	NIL	INR 60,000/-	INR 80,000/-	INR 1,10,000/-
1	Excellence in Digitalization	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
2	Excellence in Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
3	Excellence in Exports	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
4	Excellence in Manufacturing	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
5	Excellence in New Product Design & Development (NPDD) & Localization	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
6	Excellence in Safety	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
7	Excellence in Skill Development	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
8	Excellence in Tier 2 Supplier Development	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Companies are eligible to apply to eight categories by paying single fee as mentioned above.					
There is no fees for small category companies for plant level Awards.					
The below fee waiver is not applicable for corporate level.					

4. Fee Waiver Criteria (Plant Level Only)

- **Small category companies - No application fee** for all plant level categories
- **Women employees**
Fee waiver shall be applicable across all eight plant-level categories based on the percentage of women employees in the organization w.r.t. total employees, as per the following:

Total Women Employees	Fee Waiver Applicable
15% – 25%	50% Waiver
25.1% – 50%	70% Waiver
Above 50.1%	100% Waiver

- **Differently abled employees - 100% fee waiver** for organizations employing 5% or more differently-abled employees.

5. Application & Evaluation Process Timeline

Release of awards notification /circular & Digital ACMA Awards Systems (DAAS) live date	ACMA Awards Awareness Virtual Sessions for companies (Complimentary session)	Online application submission Last date	Virtual Site Assessment	Announcement of Award winners
<p>Circular / Notification release date – 16th May, 2026</p> <p>&</p> <p>DAAS (Digital ACMA Awards System) goes Live: June 10, 2026</p>	<p>Online awareness sessions will be conducted on</p> <p>17th June 2026: 1100-1300 hrs: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82825500551?pwd=MaoVwptNjxnHhRlpspObBvMarpwh8a.1</p> <p>and</p> <p>25th June 2026: 1100-1300 hrs: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327915261?pwd=ISt0z8l1TXqlKuZoZvTloaOiSdHM7j.1</p> <p>From 26th June onwards, recordings of the sessions will be played daily (1100 hrs), with the physical presence of the ACMA team to address any queries related to the ACMA Awards process. (Kindly use 25th June link)</p>	30 th Nov 2026	15 th Aug to 15 th Dec 2026	3 rd March, 2027 New Delhi

6. Process steps

Step 1: Register for the Awards (Select Plant Level or Corporate Level)

From this year applications and category types for plant level and corporate level are different and companies can apply for both by paying applicable fees.

ACMA Members: Direct registration

Non-Members:

- Companies with turnover up to ₹100 Cr or VDA member companies in India (any turnover) can apply without membership
- **Non-Members** can initiate process to become ACMA Member before December 2026 and parallelly they can apply for Awards right now

Step 2: ACMA reviews and approves registration

Step 3: Receive login credentials and fill your Company Profile (one-time)

Step 4: Application is in TWO areas for Plant level and corporate level categories

- Area 1: This is to be filled only once for one or more applications
Common KPIs (5) and Common Questions (5)
- Area 2: This is to be filled separately for each category application
Category specific KPIs (12) and Category specific Questions (4)
- If applicant has won Platinum award in 2025, then the same Plant cannot apply in the same category, but it can apply in any other applicable category.
- Applicant can submit the applications by filling Area 1 (KPIs and Common Questions) and Area 2 (KPIs). You have time till 3 days prior to site assessment to submit Area 2 (Category Specific Questions)
- For more details on process of applying to ACMA Excellence Awards, criteria, fees and overall key dates, kindly refer “Guidelines” document available at www.acmaawards.com

Step 5: Schedule virtual site assessment (select week)

- Receive assessor details and finalize the assessment date from the selected week with Assessor
- Complete Area 2 (Category specific Questions) at least 3 days before the site assessment date
- Prepare your supporting data/ presentations in advance for showing during assessment
- Share virtual meeting link with the Assessor

Step 6: Payment process (if applicable)

- Receive the payment invoice
- Ensure that applicable payment is processed before site assessment date

Step 7: Assessment reports are submitted by ACMA to the Jury

Step 8: Jury evaluation

Step 9: Awards Ceremony on 3rd March 2027, New Delhi

Step 10: Feedback report to applicants

7. Key Notes

- Applications must be submitted through the Digital ACMA Awards System (DAAS)
- All submissions must adhere to timelines; late entries will not be accepted
- Confidentiality of company data will be strictly maintained by ACMA
- Companies, while submitting online applications for ACMA Excellence awards, be certain to furnish all relevant information correctly and as per the best of your knowledge and records.
- The submitted applications will be considered final for further processing.
- Applications submitted online with incomplete, incorrect data & without customer details will not be processed and will be liable to disqualification from participating in the Award process.
- Jury decisions will be final and binding

Note: ACMA reserves all rights to reject award applications in case filled in wrong category or incomplete.

For support or inquiries, refer to the Contact Details below or section on the ACMA Excellence Awards portal. (www.acmaawards.com)

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ACMA Excellence Awards 2026 (DAAS) Digital ACMA Awards System will be live from 10th June, 2026 onwards until 30th November, 2026 and same can be accessed by using the URL www.acmaawards.com
