The Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland Awards recognises and rewards good environmental practices that reduce the negative impact on the environment whilst providing economic benefits to the business.

Who can apply?

VIBES Awards are open to any* Scottish based business, including social enterprises that contribute to the sustainable development of Scotland. Registered charities are not eligible to apply for a VIBES Award.

Please note the Green Team Award is an exception to this and is open to all public and private sector organisations including charities.

A Business is defined as:

The activity of buying and selling goods and services. A company that buys and sells goods and services as a means of livelihood or profit. The company must be registered with Companies House.

Social Enterprise [http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/about/about-social-enterprise](http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/about/about-social-enterprise)

A Social Enterprise makes money from selling goods and services in the open market, but they reinvest their profits back into the business or the local community.

What are the categories?

- Innovation (2016 themed award)
- Management (<250 and >250 employees)
- Environmental Product or Service
- Circular Economy
- Sustainable transport
- Green Teams
- Micro-Business Award
- Hydro Nation Challenge (In conjunction with WaterAid)
What is VIBES Process?

Applications Opens on 21st April and Closes at 5:00pm on 30th June 2016

Download application forms and guidance notes on [http://www.vibes.org.uk/award-categories/](http://www.vibes.org.uk/award-categories/)

Send your completed form to vibes@sepa.org.uk or by mail to address at the back of the form

How do I apply?
To which category should I apply?

**Does your application relate to a product or service?**

- Environmental Product or Service Award

**Does your product or service meet the Circular Economy criteria?**

- Circular Economy Award

**Do you have a team that delivers environmental improvements?**

- Green Teams Award

**Have you developed innovative products, practices or services that bring environmental and business benefits?**

- Innovation Award

**Does your application relate to the management of your resources through an environmental policy?**

- Management Award

**Does your management cover a range of resource efficiency and/or behavioural change activities?**

- Transport Award

**Does your management specifically relate to sustainable transport?**

**Other categories:**

- **Micro Business**: best entry into any of the Award categories from a business with 10 or less employees
- **Hydro Nation Challenge** (Charity Award in conjunction with WaterAid)

**Please note:**

- Applications are **site specific**. If you have more than one site, you can make more than one entry per category
- Any Business Can enter more than one award category
Good practice Summary:

- The Executive Summary of your entry is of vital importance – make sure this is clear, concise and engaging.
- Check all spelling and punctuation
- Tailor the information you have to the questions
- Do not use annexes as an alternative to writing an answer in the space provided. Ensure all relevant information is contained within the text of your answer
- If using technical jargon please explain this clearly for the judges, particularly when using acronyms
- Make sure your entry addresses each of the criteria directly, avoid repetition.
- Quantification in tables, graphs and other pictorial diagrams can often be more powerful than an extensive written description.

For more information:

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