

Restaurant categories will vary by state. Refer to online entry form for state category list.

RESTAURANT CATEGORIES

Restaurant categories are for establishments that offer extensive menus designed for multiple courses to be ordered. Restaurants must have sit-down facilities. These categories qualify for Restaurant of the Year. Categories will be split into sub-categories if there are sufficient entries.

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in cuisine from the Asia region (not covered by an existing category i.e., Indian).

Chinese Restaurant

Establishments which specialise in Chinese cuisine. Must be 100% Chinese cuisine otherwise the Asian category will apply.

Japanese Restaurant

Establishments which specialise in Japanese cuisine. Must be 100% Japanese cuisine otherwise the Asian category will apply.

Thai Restaurant

Establishments which specialise in Thai cuisine. A high proportion of the menu must be Thai cuisine otherwise the Asian category will apply.

Vietnamese Restaurant

Establishments which specialise in Vietnamese cuisine.

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in the provision of breakfast for at least 5 days per week.

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT

Establishments which predominantly offer a menu characterised by fresh seasonal produce and innovative dishes that reflect contemporary trends in Australian cooking.

Contemporary Australia Restaurant - Formal

A dining experience aimed at the premium end of the market within this cuisine.

Contemporary Australia Restaurant - Informal

A dining experience provided in a casual/informal and relaxed setting.

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in a cuisine from either a country or region in Europe (not covered by an existing category i.e., Italian).

French Restaurant

Establishments which specialise in traditional or contemporary French cuisine. Must be 100% French cuisine otherwise the European category will apply.

Greek Restaurant

Establishments which specialise in traditional or contemporary Greek cuisine. Must be 100% Greek cuisine otherwise the European category will apply.

INDIAN RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in traditional or contemporary Indian or Sub-continent cuisine, e.g., Sri-Lankan.

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in traditional or contemporary Italian cuisine. Must be 100% Italian cuisine otherwise the European category will apply.

Italian Restaurant - Formal

A dining experience aimed at the premium end of the market within this cuisine.

Italian Restaurant - Informal

A dining experience provided in a casual/informal and relaxed setting.

PREMIUM DINING

Establishments which provide a high-end dining experience aimed at the premium end of the market including premium quality dining with exquisite service, wine list and food with specialised staff in both FOH and BOH.

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL / RESORT

In-house restaurants operating daily in a Hotel, Motel, Resort or Guesthouse.

RESTAURANT IN A PUB / CLUB

In-house restaurants operating within/on the premises of a pub, club or tavern.

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Restaurants operating on the premises/site of a winery, cellar door or vineyard.

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in seafood. (A high proportion of the menu must be seafood).

Seafood Restaurant - Formal

A dining experience aimed at the premium end of the market within this cuisine.

Seafood Restaurant - Informal

A dining experience provided in a casual/informal and relaxed setting.

SPECIALITY RESTAURANT

Establishments which clearly specialise in a particular style of cuisine not specifically accommodated by any other listed category, i.e., Mexican, Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Turkish, Vegan/Vegetarian etc.

STEAK RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in premium quality steak and pro-actively market this as a speciality. (A high proportion of the menu must be red meat).

Steak Restaurant - Formal

A dining experience aimed at the premium end of the market within this cuisine.

Steak Restaurant - Informal

A dining experience provided in a casual/informal and relaxed setting.

CASUAL DINING CATEGORIES

Casual Dining establishments offer affordable light meal menus. These categories are not suitable for menu's designed to order multiple courses. These categories qualify for Casual Dining of the Year. Categories will be split into sub-categories if there are sufficient entries. Categories will vary by State/Region.

CAFÉ DINING

Establishments providing a relaxed menu of affordable snacks, light meals and refreshments (non-alcoholic or alcoholic). Must have dine-in facilities and offer continuous service in a casual dining environment.

Establishments that provide high tea can enter this category and patisserie/bakeries with sit down facilities. Note: Must operate for at least 5 days a week and have some table service.

BURGER BAR

Establishments that specialise in the provision of a la carte burgers and offer a dine-in facility.

FAMILY DINING

Establishments that caterer specifically for family dining and offer menu options for all children's ages. Must have a kid's menu.

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Establishments which specialise in Pizza. A high proportion of the menu must be pizza. Must have sit-down dining facilities and table service.

MAJOR RESTAURANT AWARD CATEGORIES

Major Awards are not eligible for direct entry.

CASUAL DINING OF THE YEAR

The winner is determined by the highest scoring points from the winners of the Casual Dining categories.

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

The winner is determined by the highest scoring points from the winners of the Restaurant categories.