



IoM AND WCB ANNUAL AWARDS

THE BUTCHERS' HALL, LONDON

26TH FEBRUARY 2026

| | AWARD TITLE | AWARD CRITERIA |
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| 1 | BEST NEW APPRENTICE | For apprentices who commenced in 2025. They need to nominate themselves explaining in minimum 100 words how their apprenticeship is progressing. An accompanying statement from their employer and training provider is recommended. |
| 2 | BEST RETAIL BUTCHERY APPRENTICE | Close to completion or within 6 months of completion. Nominated by training provider with an accompanying statement from the employer within the independent retail sector. |
| 3 | BEST INDEPENDENT RETAILER MEAT APPRENTICE | Close to completion or within 6 months of completion. Nominated by training provider with an accompanying statement from the employer within the independent retail sector. |
| 4 | BEST IN-STORE MULTIPLE RETAILER MEAT APPRENTICE | Close to completion or within 6 months of completion. Nominated by training provider with an accompanying statement from the employer within the multiple retail sector. |
| 5 | BEST MEAT PROCESSING APPRENTICE | Close to completion or within 6 months of completion. Nominated by training provider with an accompanying statement from employer within the processing sector. |
| 6 | BEST ABATTOIR WORKER / APPRENTICE | For workers and/or apprentices in the abattoir industry who commenced a training programme (WATOK) or apprenticeship in 2025. Applicants need to nominate themselves explaining in minimum 100 words how their course/apprenticeship is providing benefit. |
| 7 | BEST APPRENTICE SHOWING MANAGEMENT POTENTIAL IN A MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT | Nominated by training provider with an accompanying statement from employer within the processing sector. |
| 8 | BEST MEAT APPRENTICE SHOWING MANAGEMENT POTENTIAL IN A MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT | Someone who joined meat industry in last 3 years who is demonstrating exceptional management or leadership. |
| 9 | LORD GRAHAM ENDEAVOUR AWARD | An apprentice who has made real progress despite adversity. Nominated by employer or training provider, with minimum 100 words from the apprentice describing why they followed the apprenticeship and what they have achieved. |
| 10 | BEST COMPANY TRAINING SCHEME | Nominate a company or satellite and produce a statement to justify the nomination, maximum 2 A4 sheets. |
| 11 | BEST MEAT TRAINING PROVIDER OF THE YEAR | Nominate a training provider or college and produce a statement to justify the nomination, maximum 2 A4 sheets. |
| 12 | CHAMPION APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR | This award will be decided by the awards committee. The recipient will be chosen from the winners of categories 1 to 9. |