

News story: The Queen's Awards for Enterprise: apply now

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise recognise the contributions and outstanding achievement of UK businesses in the following categories:

- innovation
- international trade
- sustainable development
- promoting opportunity through social mobility

Nearly 7,000 companies have been awarded a Queen's Award since they began in 1966. Previous winners have benefited from worldwide recognition and an increase in commercial value. They've also reported greater press coverage and a boost to staff morale.

About the awards

If you win you'll be:

- invited to a Royal reception at Buckingham Palace, hosted by Her Majesty The Queen
- presented the award at your company by one of The Queen's representatives, a Lord-Lieutenant
- able to fly The Queen's Award flag at your main office and use the emblem on your marketing materials
- given a Grant of Appointment and a commemorative crystal bowl

Competition information

- you must apply before midday on Friday 1 September 2017
- most UK businesses (including non-profits) can apply
- you must apply online
- you may apply for more than one category
- the awards are valid for 5 years

Notice: FY5 4QD, AGC Chemicals Europe Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: AGC Chemicals Europe Limited
 - Installation name: AGC Chemicals Europe, Hillhouse
 - Permit number: EPR/BU5453IY/V004
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 - Installation name: Brafferton Poultry Farm
 - Permit number: EPR/MP3530US/V003
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Official Statistics: Northern Ireland greenhouse gas inventory: 1990 to 2015

This statistical bulletin presents the latest estimates of greenhouse gas emissions for Northern Ireland. The estimates are expressed in terms of global warming potentials defined on a 100-year horizon. The estimates and the global warming potentials are consistent with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change reporting guidelines and based on the latest UK Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Each year the greenhouse gas inventory is extended and updated. The whole historical data series is revised to incorporate methodological improvements and new data. The previous version becomes redundant and cannot be used for comparison purposes.

Notice: South London Swimming Club Swim 2017: river restriction

River Thames restriction information for Friday 21 July 2017 from 7pm to 8pm.