



# LUCA AWARD NOMINATION SUPPORT PACK FOR VENDORS

*The annual LUCA Awards offer a unique opportunity to gain recognition for your organisation's achievements within the bookkeeping industry.*





# WHAT ARE THE LUCA AWARDS?

## CELEBRATING BOOKKEEPING EXCELLENCE

The Oscars of the bookkeeping world, the annual LUCA Awards recognise outstanding achievement in the bookkeeping profession and reveal the favourite software and apps of the nation's bookkeepers.

The LUCA Awards themselves are exclusive statuettes of Luca Pacioli, the Cistercian monk who is credited with first documenting the process of double entry bookkeeping that endures today.





*The mark of excellence  
in the bookkeeping community*

**Software vendors and training providers are an essential part of bookkeeper life. The ICB Vendor awards recognise excellence, innovation and commitment to our community.**

- **Vendors can nominate themselves any of the 11 categories via [this form](#) before 11 Sept**
- **There is no cost to enter and all we require is a short description of the product or service.**
- **The ICB Training Provider of the Year is judged by the ICB team based on a number of statistical factors including volume of registrations, exams taken, pass rates and student retention.**
- **The entrants to the software awards are put to a vote by ICB members 12 - 26 September. All votes are verified.**
- **The top five in each category are announced as finalists on Friday 4 October**
- **The winners are announced as part of the ICB LUCA Awards gala dinner on Monday 11 November.**

# Choose your category



## THE BOOKKEEPER AWARDS

**Student of the Year**  
**New Practice of the Year**  
**Small Practice of the Year**  
**Large Practice of the Year**  
**Bookkeeper in Industry**  
**Team of the Year**  
**ICB Branch of the Year**  
**Bookkeeper influencer of the Year**  
**Client Experience**  
**Payroll Practitioner of the Year**  
**Bookkeeping Tutor of the Year**

## THE VENDOR AWARDS

**Training Provider**  
**Data Capture App**  
**Payroll and HR Software**  
**Business Bank of the Year**  
**Practice Management Software**  
**Payments Provider**  
**Reporting and Analysis Software**  
**Bookkeeping Software of the Year**  
**Tax and Accounts Production**  
**Emerging App of the year**  
**The Bookkeepers' Friendliest Software**



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# ICB LUCA AWARDS TIMELINE

Enter the awards before Wednesday 11 September 2024!

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**Tuesday 16  
July**

Entries for the bookkeeper  
and vendor awards are  
OPEN

**Weds 11  
September**

Entry deadline for the  
bookkeeper & vendor  
awards

**12 - 26  
September**

Have your say!  
Vendor voting is open

**Friday 4  
October**

Bookkeeper & vendor  
finalists announced

**Monday 11 November**

Bookkeepers Summit and LUCA Awards  
ceremony

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# NOMINATIONS PROCESS

# 1

## CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORY

You can enter as  
many as you like -  
there is no charge

# 2

## WRITE A SHORT SUMMARY

Tell us in 200 words or  
fewer, why your service  
is loved by  
bookkeepers

# 3

COMPLETE THE  
APPLICATION FORM  
Register and complete  
the short application  
form by 11 September

[Enter here](#)



## CATEGORY

# Training Provider of the Year

This award honours the ICB accredited training provider that has demonstrated excellence in delivering high-quality education and training programs for ICB bookkeepers. It acknowledges the provider's dedication to maintaining high educational standards and supporting the professional growth of bookkeepers.

In addition to a high standard of tutor support, a great training provider offers exceptional support service including mentoring, career guidance and is responsive to student queries.

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CATEGORY

# Data Capture App of the Year

Data capture apps have had a significant impact on the daily life of the bookkeeper. The ability for clients to capture and share receipts and for the data to be transferred to accounting software saves time, money and tonnes of paper!

An outstanding data capture app saves bookkeepers time and reduces errors by automating the process of capturing receipts, invoices, and other financial documents. The winning app is user-friendly, reliable, and offers excellent support, making it an indispensable tool for modern bookkeeping. This award celebrates the app that truly transforms the way bookkeepers handle data.

(Previously Data & Expenses App of the Year)

Previous Winner: AutoEntry by Sage





CATEGORY

# Payroll and HR Software of the Year

Bookkeepers are trusted by clients to perform payroll and HR tasks – and need software they can rely on to deliver this essential services.

The ICB LUCA Award for Payroll and HR Software of the Year celebrates the software that makes handling payroll and HR tasks a breeze. It looks for solutions that are packed with features, easy to use, and backed by top-notch customer support.

Previous Winners: BrightPay, Sage Payroll

## CATEGORY

# Business Bank of the Year

Getting the right partnership with the right bank is a game changer for many bookkeepers – who are likely to make recommendations to their clients. The ICB LUCA Award for Business Bank of the Year celebrates the bank that excels in serving business clients. This award highlights exceptional customer service, innovative financial products, strong financial performance, and positive market impact. Bookkeepers also measure a bank on the usability of its interface, accessibility and great customer service.

Previous winners include: Starling Bank





CATEGORY

# Practice Management

The ICB LUCA Award for Practice Management Software of the Year celebrates software that helps bookkeepers run their businesses smoothly and efficiently. This award highlights software that stands out with its ease of use, powerful features, and excellent customer support.

Great practice management software makes bookkeepers' lives easier by organising their work, managing client information, and ensuring everything is up-to-date and secure. The winning software is user-friendly, integrates well with other accounting tools, and adapts to the changing needs of the bookkeeping industry. This award recognises the software that truly makes a difference in the day-to-day operations of bookkeeping practices.

***Previous winners include: Accountancy Manager by Bright, Sage for Accountants***



## CATEGORY

# Payments provider of the year

ICB LUCA Award for Payments Provider of the Year  
Bookkeepers have always offered payments as service. However, as bookkeepers move away from traditional charging models many are now offering payments as a service. A robust payments service is an essential part of the bookkeeper portfolio.

The ICB LUCA Award for Payments Provider of the Year honours the payment service provider that wows it's users – and meets the needs of businesses and individuals alike. This award recognises excellence in customer service, innovation, reliability, and market impact in the payments industry.

Previously the Financial Services Provider of the Year



CATEGORY

# Reporting and Analysis Software of the Year

Financial reporting software helps bookkeepers help businesses understand their numbers on a deep level, providing detailed insights that help you make more informed decisions. The right software can save time and money for bookkeepers, and enhance the level of service they provide to their clients.

This award recognises a great product that is straightforward to use, offers value to businesses and comes with top notch customer service.

Previous winners include: Dext, Intuit QuickBooks





CATEGORY

# Bookkeeping Software of the Year

The award for Bookkeeping Software of the Year specifically acknowledges the software that best supports bookkeepers in managing their clients' financial records efficiently and accurately. This award celebrates the software that best helps bookkeepers keep their clients' financial records in check.

The ICB LUCA Award for Bookkeeping Software of the Year is a top honour given by the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers (ICB). This award celebrates the software that best helps bookkeepers keep their clients' financial records in check. It's all about finding the software that's easy to use, packed with features, and really makes a bookkeeper's life easier.







CATEGORY

# Tax and Accounts Production Software of the Year

This award recognises software that excels in helping bookkeepers with tax filing and producing accounts. Bookkeepers are looking for software that is user-friendly, has a range of features, is reliability and overall makes tax and accounts production easier and more efficient.

Previous winners include: TaxCalc, Taxfiler, Xero Tax

CATEGORY

# Emerging App of the year

This new LUCA Award has been introduced to recognise new and innovative applications that have made a really impact and significantly enhance the bookkeeping profession. It will recognise apps that provide unique solutions, improve efficiency, offer new functionality or new service options.

The award spotlights up-and-coming technology that helps bookkeepers manage their tasks more effectively, whether it's through automation, improved data management, or enhanced reporting capabilities.

Winning this award signals that the app has made a significant mark on the industry and is well-received by bookkeepers for its practical benefits and forward-thinking approach.

Apps should have been introduced to the UK market no earlier than June 2023.

CATEGORY

# The Bookkeepers' Friendliest Software of the Year

This award recognises software that excels in being user-friendly and accessible, making the bookkeeping process easier and more enjoyable for professionals.

It also recognises the ongoing customers support and helpful community around a product. Winning this award signifies that the software not only meets technical needs but also prioritises the user experience, making it a favourite among bookkeepers.





# APPLICATION DEADLINE

11 SEPTEMBER 2024

**APPLY HERE**

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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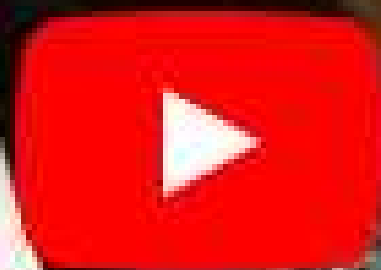




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