

# HM eGovernment awards registration gets under way

MUSCAT The Registration for His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Awards for Excellence in eGovernment has started and will continue until beginning of October.

The registration process is conducted online. The government sector entities can compete in nine different categories, namely: Best eService including G2G, G2E, G2B, G2C and Mobile Services, Best eProject including Interoperable and collaborative, eReadiness and eContent. The private sector organisations can compete in two categories, namely: Best Public Mobile eService and Best Public eService. Private sector ICT small and medium enterprises (SMEs) can participate, for the first time, in two categories: Best



eSolution and Best Public Mobile eService.

The focal point team heads from government, private sector including ICT SMEs have been notified of the registration process and their secure credentials. The assessment criteria have been designed to cover various areas, such as strategic, accessibility, usability, technical-efficiency, security and other interactivity aspects of the

award. The nominees can also view weights and scores for the different sections of the nomination form. They can continue to add information and statistics along with their responses until the close of registration.

Private sector organisations can participate with only one project under each of the two categories specified for them and the project maturity should be more than six months. Winning projects in the previous editions are not eligible to enter the current award and private sector applicants must provide public eServices within health, education, electricity, finance, water, public transportation and environment.

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