



# 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 13 categories via this form before 10 Sept**
- **There is no cost to enter and all we require is a short description of the product or service.**
- **The entrants to the software awards are put to a vote by ICB members 26 September - 6 October. All votes are verified.**
- **The top five in each category are announced as finalists on Monday 13 October**
- **The winners are announced as part of the ICB LUCA Awards gala dinner on Monday 17 November.**



# Choose your category

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AWARDS

## THE VENDOR AWARDS

Data Capture App of the Year  
Payroll and HR Software of the Year  
Business Bank of the Year  
Bookkeeper Toolkit App of the Year\*  
Payments Provider of the Year  
Reporting and Analysis Software of the Year  
Bookkeeping Software of the Year  
Tax and Accounts Production of the Year  
Emerging App of the year  
Bookkeepers' Champion  
Bookkeepers' Friendliest Software of the Year  
Integration of the Year\*  
AI Innovation in Bookkeeping



\*New for 2025



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# ICB LUCA AWARDS TIMELINE



**Tuesday 07  
July**

Entries for the bookkeeper  
and vendor awards are  
**OPEN**

**Weds 10  
September**

Entry deadline for the  
bookkeeper & vendor  
awards

**26 September  
- 6 October**

Have your say!  
Vendor voting is open

**Monday 13  
October**

Bookkeeper & vendor  
finalists announced

**Monday 17 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

# 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.

Previous Winners: Apron Capture, 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

# Bookkeeper tool kit app

This award recognises the software or app that plays an essential role in the daily work of bookkeepers — the unsung digital tools that keep practices running smoothly behind the scenes.

From practice management and data handling to reconciliation aids, note-taking tools, and error-spotting software, this category celebrates those internal tools that make a tangible difference to the way bookkeepers work. Whether helping to manage workflows, reduce mistakes, save time, or improve client communication, the winning solution will be one that bookkeepers genuinely rely on as part of their core operational toolkit.

Members will vote for tools that demonstrate strong user satisfaction, clear value to bookkeeping professionals, and ongoing commitment to innovation and support.

This award replaces the Practice Management App award.

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## 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.

Previous winner: Apron





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: Xenon, 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 January 2024.



CATEGORY

# Integration of the year

Great things happen when software solutions work seamlessly together. As bookkeepers juggle multiple systems to meet the needs of clients, well-integrated tools can transform workflows, reduce duplication, and improve accuracy.

The ICB LUCA Award for Software Integration celebrates outstanding partnerships between software providers that have delivered a smooth, connected experience for the end user. This award recognises integrations that make life easier for bookkeepers by simplifying data flows, enhancing functionality, and supporting better collaboration.

At the heart of this award is the bookkeeper — and the belief that joined-up systems lead to better service, stronger practices, and happier clients.

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# AI Innovation in Bookkeeping

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# 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

10 SEPTEMBER 2025

[APPLY HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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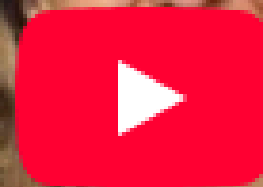





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