

Prepaid365 Awards 2015

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The Prepaid365 Awards are the UK's definitive consumer Prepaid Card Awards where votes are cast by those who matter the most – Consumers. Launched in 2009 by Prepaid365, the UK's leading dedicated prepaid card comparison site, the awards are designed with the simple aim of recognising best in category service providers for various consumer & business prepaid categories as well as highlighting runner's ups in those categories based on consumer opinion.

The 2015 Awards are the 7th edition of the Prepaid365 Awards and are set to see over 2,000,000 consumers being invited to participate in the awards via online channels and social media and your customers have an opportunity to directly impact the results by voting for you in the various categories using dedicated voting links.

The Prepaid365 Awards 2015 winners will be announced on **1st June, 2015** with announcements being made online and via social media circles. Based on the growing awareness of the awards and the exceptional response rate over the last few years, this year's award survey will be sent out to over 1,500,000 customers online with another 500,000 being targeted via social media activity.

The Prepaid365 Awards provide an excellent opportunity for Prepaid Card providers to raise the awareness of their brand and product proposition amongst consumers and also raise social media interaction with consumers through the range of daily and monthly social media competitions that are run in conjunction with sponsors at the Prepaid365 Awards.

If you would like to find out more about sponsorship opportunities at the awards and social media competitions and are keen in raising your profile even further amongst consumers, then do get in touch with us and we will advise on which sponsorship opportunities are still available.

So get your entries ready and send them across to us at divya@prepaid365.com no later than **20th February, 2015**. Please read the rest of the guide for further information on categories & entry criteria.

If you still have any unanswered questions, please send them to Amit at amit@prepaid365.com.

Entering the Awards – Award Categories and Who Eligible

The Prepaid365 Awards 2015 sees the introduction of 8 new categories with winners to be recognised in 30 different categories which include 23 Consumer categories, 2 Business categories and 5 other general design and innovation categories. The awards are open to all prepaid card providers that provide a prepaid card proposition or function as a programme manager. Whilst focussing mostly on UK providers, a number of categories are open to International prepaid card providers too.

The Award Categories are as follows

Consumer Award Categories

- **Best General Spend Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is quite simply an everyday money prepaid card and is designed primarily for usage on a daily basis as one's primary payment mechanism.
- **Best Moneyshare Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that allows cardholders to share money with other cardholders. This could be via linked cards which have a shared balance or cards which allow funds to be transferred to additional cardholders. The main criterion to enter this category is to have the facility to send money from one card to another linked card.
- **Best Gaming Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that allows cardholders to make payments and/or receive pay-outs from online gaming sites and/or provides features and benefits for such usage.
- **Best USD Travel Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card in US Dollar currency that is primarily designed for usage by travellers outside the UK and provides benefits which can be best availed whilst traveling.
- **Best EUR Travel Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card in EURO currency that is primarily designed for usage by travellers outside the UK and provides benefits which can be best availed whilst traveling.
- **Best GBP Travel Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card in GBP Sterling currency that is primarily designed for usage by travellers outside the UK and provides benefits which can be best availed whilst traveling.
- **Best Multi-Currency Travel Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card which has multiple currencies (min 3 currencies) available on the same single card and that is primarily designed for usage by travellers outside the UK.

- **Best Corporate Travel Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card in any currency that is primarily designed for usage by Business/ Corporate travellers outside the UK and provides benefits which can be best availed whilst traveling.
- **Best Corporate Expenses/ Payroll Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is issued by a Corporate Blue Chip or Government institution designed primarily for managing expenses, wages, benefit disbursements. etc.
- **Best Privacy Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is designed primarily for consumers who do not wish to share their identity and transactional details online. Open to anonymous prepaid cards as well.
- **Best Youth Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is designed primarily for youth and provides features and benefits that drive awareness and usage amongst youth. Typically available to those under 18.
- **Best Gifting Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is designed primarily as a gift and can be gifted from one person to another.
- **Best Online Shopping Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is designed primarily for online shopping and provides features and benefits to suit online shoppers including virtual prepaid cards.
- **Best Unbanked Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is designed primarily to serve the unbanked and financially underserved and provides features and benefits as such but does not come with a basic bank account equivalent.
- **Best Basic Bank Account with Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that comes with a basic bank account type facility and typically allows consumers to set up standing order and Direct Debits and operate their prepaid card account as a bank account.
- **Best Incentives/Rewards Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that provides the best incentives and rewards scheme with rewards being driven by the acquisition and usage of the prepaid card.
- **Best Free Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card that is available free of any issuance fee to consumers on a permanent basis. This is not open to prepaid cards which offer a free card as part of a promotion or have an annual fee.
- **Best Prepaid e-Wallet & Card**
A prepaid e-Wallet that has a prepaid card linked to the wallet. This must be such that the e-Wallet can be used independently of the prepaid card.
- **Best Pay As You Go Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card with a Pay As You Go tariff with no monthly fees.

- **Best Pay Monthly Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card with a Pay Monthly tariff with monthly fees.
- **Best International Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card in any category that is available to international consumers outside the UK. This must be available for purchase to non-UK residents.
- **Best Newcomer Prepaid Card**
A prepaid card in any category that has been launched/re-launched in the last 12 months and has made waves in consumers circles.
- **Best Prepaid Card Overall**
A prepaid card which is recognised as the best prepaid card due to its overall product proposition, customer services, rewards and incentives irrespective of category.

General Award Categories

- **Best Prepaid Card Design**
A prepaid card that quite simply has the best look and feel. A designers dream!
- **Best Prepaid Card Website**
A consumer prepaid card website that not only has an attractive look and feel but also provides consumers with the best usability experience and flow.
- **Best Prepaid Marketing Campaign**
A prepaid marketing campaign launched in the last 12 months, across physical or online media, which is most memorable amongst consumers. Open to consumer marketing campaigns only. Consumer recall is key.
- **Best Prepaid Smartphone App**
A prepaid mobile App that allows consumers to manage their prepaid card account using a smartphone.
- **Best Prepaid Innovation**
A prepaid innovation in the last 12 months that can rightfully claim to have delivered value and created a powerful impact amongst consumers. This could be a new innovative feature or a mobile app or innovative application process or even an innovative partnership to deliver benefits.

Business Award Categories

- **Best B2B Provider – Small Programmes < 10k Cards**
A prepaid programme manager which has demonstrated exceptional ability in delivering prepaid card programmes with card volumes under 10,000 cards.

- **Best B2B Provider – Large Programmes > 10k Cards**

A prepaid programme manager who has demonstrated exceptional ability in delivering large prepaid card programmes with card volumes over 10,000 cards.

To enter the awards, simply fill in the awards entry form which can be downloaded on the Prepaid365 Awards website by visiting <http://bit.ly/1CSqQxO>

Business Category Judges

The Business categories at the Prepaid365 Awards seek to reward the best programme manager for small and large business programmes.

As of 2014, the Business categories are judged by SME's (subject matter experts) at Prepaid365 in conjunction with independent unbiased adjudicators from the payments industry.

The Prepaid365 subject matter experts and the industry adjudicators review entries based on the information provided in the entries received along with feedback received from clients, consumers, suppliers and schemes. The Business category awards also take into consideration the performance of the programme managers' clients at the awards as well as reflecting on their credibility across the industry as highlighted by their trade partners.

The independent adjudicators are highly respected payment industry professionals who have considerable experience and insight into the payments industry. The adjudicators for the Prepaid365 Awards 2015 will be announced shortly. The decision of the Judges are final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into with regards to the awards.

Previous Judges include

- **David Parker**
Founder and CEO of Polymath Consulting
Find out more at <http://uk.linkedin.com/in/polymathconsulting>
- **David Carr**
Founder and Prepaid Professional at European Prepaid
Find out more at <http://uk.linkedin.com/in/davidcarrprepaid>

Additional Details

Please find below additional details with regards to the Prepaid365 Awards 2015. If you are looking for additional information that you cannot find here, drop an email to Divya on divya@prepaid365.com.

- **Deadline:** All entries are split into two parts. Part A of the entry must be received by **5.00pm on Friday, 20.02.15** and Part B must be received by **5.00pm on Friday, 13.03.15**. No entries will be permitted beyond these dates and entries where Part A has not been submitted will be invalid.
- **Awards Entry:** All entries must be submitted using the Awards entry form. Please make sure that your form is complete and you have selected the categories that are most appropriate for your entry and also signed the authorisation declaration. All completed entries must be sent via email to divya@prepaid365.com and must be received by the deadline stated above. A copy of the completed form may also be sent to the address below but is not a mandatory requirement.

All entries received will be acknowledged.

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- **Awards Sponsorship:** The Prepaid365 Awards provide an excellent opportunity to raise brand awareness and reach and also raise social media interaction with consumers with over 2,000,000 consumers being contacted via online and social media channels.

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- **Payments:** Invoices will be raised upon receipt of your Awards Entry form. All invoices need to have been paid by **26.02.15 or your entry will be marked invalid**. Your entry can only be processed as being part of the Prepaid365 Awards 2015 once the entry form and payment has been received.
- **Images and Evidence:** Please submit all card images and logos in 300 dpi JPEG format where possible as these will primarily be used to create web collateral. If in doubt, send us the logo and images and we should be able to advise if it is suitable. All evidence and supporting material submitted as part of your entry (especially for business and other categories) can be submitted in electronic format. If you wish to submit in paper format, please send documents along with entry form to the address provided above.

- **Awards Announcement:** The Prepaid365 Awards 2014 will be announced on **01.06.15** and a general press release will be issued on the same day. All winners will be required to provide a quote for this general release. See 2014 general release [here](#).
- **Winners and Runners Ups:** All winners and runners ups will be advised of their success by **25.05.15** (1 week prior to the Awards announcement on **01.06.15**) to allow for appropriate PR activity to be planned. All winners and runners up must provide a quote for use within the official Prepaid365 Awards PR no later than **29.05.15**. The Prepaid365 Management team will be happy to provide a quote for such activity to each individual winner and runner up. These press releases need to be embargoed till **02.06.15**. The award decisions are final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into with regards to the awards.

Winners and Runners Ups will receive the following items after the awards

- Awards Certificates:** for display and framing.
 - Winner Badges:** in different formats which can be used in marketing collateral, on websites and in email communication. Vector formats of the awards logo will also be made available.
 - Features:** Winners will be featured on individual pages within the Prepaid365 Awards Website and winners may feature in articles produced by the Prepaid365 Team following the awards.
- Entries can be withdrawn at any point up to **28.02.15** by submitting a written request. Please note that entry fees are non-refundable.
 - Entries received after the closing date on **20.02.15** cannot be included in the awards under any circumstances.
 - Entries which are incomplete or have not had the accompanying payment made or do not have a signed entry form to accompany them will be deemed unacceptable. In all such instances, please note that the entry fees are non-refundable.
 - All material submitted as part of the awards will be maintained in the strictest confidence.
 - We reserve the right to allocate an entry to a different category or in more than one category if appropriate. You will not be charged anything additional if this decision is made by the Prepaid365 team.