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Seven steps to taking part in competitions

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WorldSkills UK Competitions bring together apprentices and young people from around the UK to compete to be the best in their chosen skill, first in national competitions and then as part of Team UK in international skills competitions. Skills competitions provide employers, colleges and independent training providers with a proven method of upskilling and developing young people from all backgrounds and all abilities.

Seven steps to taking part in WorldSkills UK Competitions

- 1. Find your shining stars:** Use our practical guidance and tools, downloadable from our website, to run competition activity as part of your teaching and learning programme.
- 2. Express your interest:** Visit our website and sign up to keep informed of current developments and ongoing tips on embedding skills competitions.
- 3. Be prepared to register:** Formally enter the competitions from early 2021.
- 4. Support your students:** Prepare students to take part in competition by developing their technical and mental skills so they can compete at their best, there are lots of tools and resources available online to help you.
- 5. Ready, steady, compete:** If your learners have made it through the passive stage to the Qualifiers, they will be competing anytime between April and June 2021. All competitors receive certification for their achievements at the qualifiers.
- 6. Finalists announced:** From July 2021 we will verify the results of all the competitions and invite the highest performers from the National Qualifiers to WorldSkills UK LIVE to compete in the UK National Finals in November 2021.
- 7. Celebrating success:** At our awards ceremony we will celebrate all finalists and those that are successful will receive an award. All finalists receive certification for their achievements.

Frequently asked questions

What skills competitions do you run?

We offer a range of skills competitions across Engineering & Technology; Digital, Business & Creative; Health, Hospitality & Lifestyle and Construction & Infrastructure. Visit our website for further information.

Who runs the competitions?

We guarantee the integrity of skills competitions delivered on our behalf by our Competition Organising Partners across education and industry; representing over 60 skills that lead to over 300 qualifying events each year, culminating in a National Final.

What is the entry criteria?

For each skills competition there is an entry requirement, this is outlined on each skills competition web page. It will outline the minimum or maximum level of attainment and the core competencies the participant needs to have in order to be able to fully participate in the competition.

Is there a cost to participate?

WorldSkills UK Competitions are free to enter and are a great tool to help bring learning to life.

Depending on how far in the journey your students and apprentices reach, there may be costs involved that could include support activity to practise and prepare, the costs of transport to and from Qualifiers, in addition to staff time.

How do I take part?

To take part in WorldSkills Competitions, apprentices and students must be entered online by their college, training provider or employer on the WorldSkills UK website.

What I should I do between now and registrations opening?

We encourage you to sign up and express your interest in WorldSkills UK Competitions so we can keep you updated on latest news. In the meantime, visit our website for tools developed by our Competition Organising Partners to help train and prepare your students and apprentices for competition.

What happens after I've entered a competition online?

All potential competitors will be invited to participate in an initial assessment referred to as a passive stage where they will be expected to prepare a submission for entry or, participate in an online test.

If successful, invitations will be sent to competitors from our organising partners to participate in a National Qualifier. Qualifiers can take place digitally or anywhere in the UK and our Competition Organising Partners will do their best to allocate competitors to the nearest location.

Following the Qualifiers, those with the highest scores are invited to compete at the National Finals at WorldSkills UK LIVE, the UK's largest skills, apprenticeship and careers event.

Those who are age eligible and have achieved the benchmark score will be invited to opt in to Squad UK 12 months later, at the start of the WorldSkills Lyon 2024 journey.

Frequently asked questions (cont)

Is there a quality assurance process?

Our commitment at WorldSkills UK is to continually monitor and review the standards of competition activity delivered on our behalf to promote improvement and good practice, and ensure Competition Organising Partners involved in WorldSkills UK act with the highest level of integrity, honesty and fairness to ensure equal opportunity for all competitors.

Our key role is to certify and validate the results throughout the competition journey, providing assurance of standards and the accuracy of information following each stage of competition.

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