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WorldSkills UK Competitions bring together students and apprentices 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.

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- 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 27 February 2023.
- 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 entry stage to the National Qualifiers, they will be competing anytime between April and June 2023. All competitors receive certification for their achievements at the qualifiers.
- 6. Finalists announced:** From July 2023 we will verify the results of all the competitions and invite the highest performers from the National Qualifiers to compete in the UK National Finals in November 2023.
- 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 50 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 National 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?

Visit our website for tools and resources 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 the entry 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 (heats). Qualifiers can take place digitally or anywhere in the UK and our Competition Organising Partners will do their best to allocate competitors to their nearest location.

Following the National Qualifiers, those with the highest scores are invited to compete at the WorldSkills UK National Finals.

If competitors have met age eligibility criteria and the performance benchmark they could be invited to join Squad UK and be on the way to represent the UK in international competition in 2026, providing they have entered a skill that leads to a WorldSkills international competitor. Shortlisted participants will be informed following the WorldSkills UK National Final 2023.

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.

For further information or assistance please contact:

competitions@worldskillsuk.org

Are there any changes to this years registrations?

If you are applying from an organisation based in Scotland, please be aware that due to uncertainty over funding from the Scottish Government, the number of competitions and the number of competitors available to Scottish registrants may be limited this year. We are strongly encouraging registration from Scotland, as well as working with the Scottish Government to resolve this uncertainty, there is a possibility, however, that we will have to retrospectively restrict access to national competitions. If this situation arises, we will be in contact with competitors and points of contact to confirm next steps. In the meantime, we will provide registrants and points of contact with an update on the position on 12 March. If you have any questions, please contact us at: competitions@worldskillsuk.org



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