

Introduction to the Worldskills UK Metal Fabricator Competition

The competition is open to all genders of any age, who are study a level 3 fabrication and welding course, by a recognised awarding body, or on an apprenticeship in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, at either a further education college or private training provider.

The competition consists of three rounds.

1. The **Entry Round** consists of an online 20 question quiz, carried out at e, the entrants training provider/college.

Each contestant is restricted only one attempt only, which is automatically recorded on spreadsheet when submitted.

To qualify for the next round the contestants have to achieve a minimum of 50% correct answers to progress.

2. The **Qualifying Round** is undertaken in the competitor's college or training providers workshops, within a given time frame. The test project drawings are supplied by the Worldskills UK competition manager.

These drawings will have not been seen by any contestants, colleges or training providers prior to the competition.

Once the test projects have been completed, the test projects are marked by the college lecturers and training personnel recording the first 40% - 50% of the marks on a preset marking scheme, supplied by the competition manager. Each centre will then submit their top two scoring test projects to a central point for moderation by the Worldskills UK competition judges, and for them to complete the marking.

3. The **National Final** is held at a central location in the country during November, over 3 to 4 days, with all equipment and accommodation supplied.

The competitors for the National Final, are selected by the judges from the qualifying round test projects. The competitors with the top eight scores are invited to take part in the National Final.

The test project for the National Final is designed in modular form, where the competitors are given a timetable, to submit each module, failure to adhere to this timetable, will limit the marks available to each competitor.

All test projects, marking schemes are submitted for verification and approval by Worldskills UK experts prior to the individual rounds.

The competition is designed in line with the skills required by the awarding bodies in their fabrication and welding courses, and also the End Point Assessment tasks required in the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE).

It does not substitute any of the above qualifications, in any way, it is designed to enhance and extend the individual entrants' skills and ability.

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