

# Foundation Skills: Enterprise

## About WorldSkills UK

WorldSkills UK is a set of dynamic skills competitions for young people and adults, designed and delivered by industry experts annually in over 50 skills.

Many WorldSkills UK competitions lead into WorldSkills International competitions which are biennial global events.



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**“The most  
important  
stage of  
any  
enterprise  
is the  
beginning.”**

Plato



## Introduction

The aim of this manual is to aid competitors in preparing for the Foundation Skills: Enterprise competition at national level. We hope this will help competitors to perform to the best of their ability during the competitions. The guide contains general advice, technical tips and a more in-depth overview of the competition structure and its content. This is an group competition; each team will consist of three competitors.

The information in this guide is intended to help participants become more aware of what to expect during the competition. Following the tips and advice in this guide will help you focus more on key competition areas with an enhanced level of precision, ensure you thoroughly read, review, and assess tasks before starting, and encourage you to step back periodically to evaluate your progress toward your goal.

These competitions provide excellent opportunities for learners to develop their vocational, employability and wider skills ready for work in a range of roles and industry sectors or even self-employment.



**“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”**

Winston Churchill

## Competition Overview

This is a practical competition that will challenge your logic, design, and troubleshooting abilities in a demanding environment.

To complete the tasks, competitors are expected to apply their theoretical knowledge of fundamental principles, installation, mechanical, electrical/electronic and maintenance.

The skills and core competencies that are tested in the competition include:

- Teamwork
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Presentation Skills
- Research Skills
- Money Management Skills
- Creativity and Design
- Health and Safety

## Entry Criteria

This competition is for learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), additional learning needs (ALN), or who require additional support for learning (ASL) on a vocational, employability or work readiness programme. Learners should be working at:

- Entry Level 3 to Level 1 (England and Wales)
- Level 2 (Ireland)

- Access 3 (Scotland)
- Competitors must be 16 years of age or older
- This is a Team competition (three members per team)

Applications to be made via WorldSkills UK registration portal.

## Competition Stages

### Stage 1: Registration and preparation

To participate in the competition, you need to register through the WorldSkills UK website. You will then receive a confirmation regarding the success of your registration. Foundation Enterprise is a team competition so you will need to form a team of three in order to enter. While waiting to progress to the next stage of the competition, you should prepare by reviewing the pre-competition activity task, on the Learning Lab: [WorldSkills UK Learning Lab - WorldSkills UK](#)

### Stage 2: Entry stage

After registering the competition will begin with the entry stage. The Entry Stage Brief will be emailed out for teams will complete the tasks. This activity will begin to assess each teams' skills in enterprise. This is an important part of the competition journey as it gives competitors an early taste of what knowledge is needed to be successful on the journey. Once all scores are checked, competitors will be notified whether they have advanced to the next round, known as the national qualifiers (heats).

### Judges Top 3 Tips

1. **Work as a team** - play to each others strengths
2. **Get creative** – the more ideas you have, the more likely you are to find a great one
3. **Be confident** – believe in your product and your ideas, If you're passionate about your business idea you're more likely to be able to convince the judges that it's a great idea too

**Good Luck!**

### Stage 3: National Qualifiers

For competitors who have managed to progress from the entry stage, the next step is the national qualifiers. The national qualifier for Foundation Skills: Enterprise takes place at North Warwickshire College, Nuneaton Campus in June. You are advised to register and confirm your attendance as soon as possible after receiving the result for the entry stage. The top six highest scoring teams from the national qualifiers will then go through to the next round, the national finals. National qualifiers are a one-day activity, typically involving 2/3 main tasks.

### Stage 4: National finals

The top competitors in the UK will be invited to compete in the UK National Final, which is the pinnacle of the UK national competition cycle. The Finals will be held in South Wales the week commencing 16th November 2026.

The finals are usually a large-scale event, and a chance to show off your skills. This is typically a one-day event concluded by a medal ceremony.





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