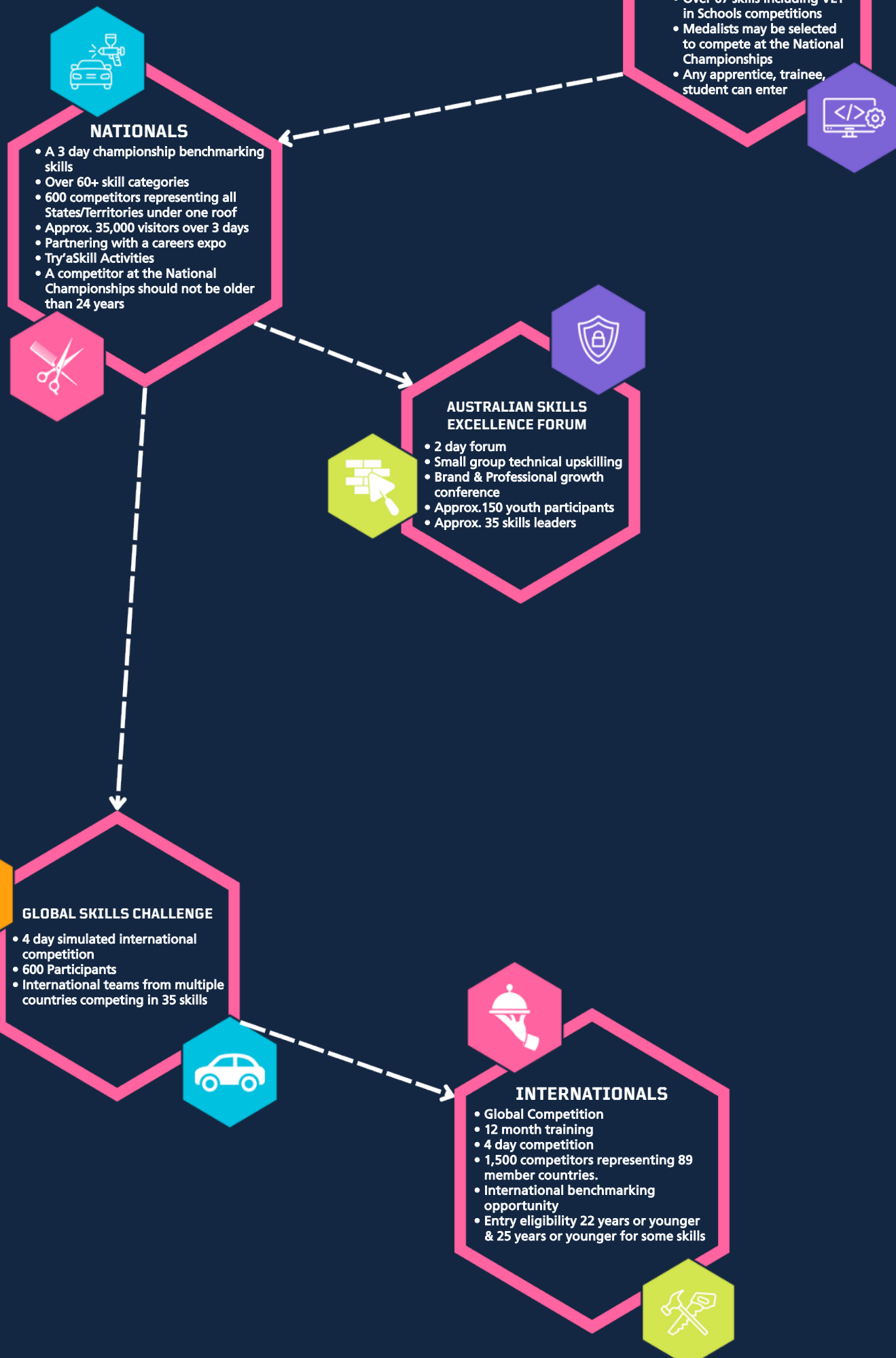




ARE YOU AUSTRALIA'S NEXT SKILLS CHAMPION?

Competitor Guide





WHY ENTER A WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA COMPETITION?

WorldSkills Australia is a national non-for-profit organisation that champions excellence in vocational education and training by running skills competitions, hands-on engagement programs, and development opportunities for young Australians. Through regional, national and international competitions, we benchmark apprentices, trainees and students against industry standards, helping to elevate skill levels, build stronger career pathways and showcase the value of skilled trades to employers. Our work connects industry, training providers and emerging talent to strengthen Australia's future workforce.



We engage thousands of young apprentices, trainees and students to take part in skill competitions where they hone their technical and employability skills to the highest possible standard.



We offer many life changing pathways and scholarship opportunities that involve additional study, work experience, and networking opportunities.



We create medal winning champions from all backgrounds who go on to inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

WHICH REGION DO I COMPETE FOR?

You must live, work, or study in the region where you compete. If your skill isn't available in your region, or if nominations are closed, you can ask to compete in a different region. All requests must be reviewed and confirmed before you can compete.

IF MY TRADE/SKILL ISN'T LISTED — WHAT DO I DO?

It might be listed under a different name, or the skill may not yet be offered by WorldSkills Australia. Speak with your trainer or contact the WorldSkills Australia Main Regional Coordinator which can be found on the WSA website.

IF I WIN GOLD AT NATIONALS, DO I AUTOMATICALLY GET SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONALS?

No — winning gold at the National Championship does not guarantee selection for the International Competition. There are eligibility requirements that need to be met as well as a selection process to determine which skills Australia will compete in.

VETiS competitors do not progress beyond the National Championships as there are no VETiS Skill Categories at WorldSkills International Competition. However, once you finish high school, you can keep your WorldSkills journey going by entering an Open category in your chosen trade or skill area. This is a great opportunity to build on your experience and, if you meet the eligibility and age criteria you could progress through to the National Championships and even represent Australia at the International Competition.

HOW DO I ENTER A COMPETITION?

You can self-nominate, or be nominated by a teacher, training provider or employer.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO ENTER?

You must meet at least one of the following: be undertaking an apprenticeship/traineeship in an Australian RTO/TAFE/university; be studying towards a qualification at an Australian RTO/TAFE/university; or have completed a relevant qualification at such an institution. For Regional competitions there's no age limit; to progress to Nationals or Internationals, age limits apply.

Competitors entering a VETiS Regional Competition must be enrolled in a secondary school and undertaking an appropriate VET in Schools course aligned to a National Training Package, including school-based apprentices. They must be in their first year of study at the time of competing in the WorldSkills Australia Regional Competition. Eligible regional competitors who progress to the National Championships must also be enrolled in an appropriate VET in Schools course aligned to a National Training Package, including school-based apprentices.

IF I NO LONGER ATTEND TAFE, CAN I STILL COMPETE?

Yes — as long as you have completed or are completing a relevant qualification at an Australian RTO/TAFE/university.

AM I OLD ENOUGH TO COMPETE?

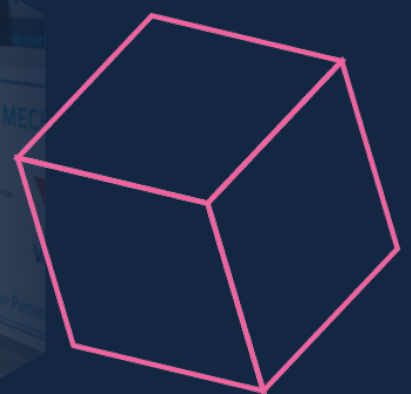
For Regional events: no age limit. For Nationals: competitors should not be older than 24 years in the year of competition (e.g., for 2027, born on or after 1 Jan 2003). For International: often under 22 years in that year (depending on the skill).

CAN I COMPETE MORE THAN ONCE?

Yes. You can enter again in a future competition cycle, as long as you still meet the eligibility and age requirements. You may re-enter at regional or national level; however, some restrictions apply. For example, National gold medallists or competitors who have represented Australia internationally may not be eligible to re-enter.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING FOR ME TO COMPETE?

There is no registration cost involved to compete in a Regional Competition. If you advance to the National Championships, a \$250 application fee is payable and \$500 for International team.



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