



# ARE YOU AUSTRALIA'S NEXT SKILLS CHAMPION?

## Competitor Guide





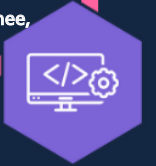
### NATIONALS

- A 3 day championship benchmarking skills
- Over 60+ skill categories
- 600 competitors representing all States/Territories under one roof
- Approx. 35,000 visitors over 3 days
- Partnering with a careers expo
- Try'aSkill Activities
- A competitor at the National Championships should not be older than 24 years



### REGIONALS

- Regionals are one-day competitions that take place in 34 regions across Australia at different times during the year
- Over 67 skills including VET in Schools competitions
- Medalists may be selected to compete at the National Championships
- Any apprentice, trainee, student can enter



### AUSTRALIAN SKILLS EXCELLENCE FORUM

- 2 day forum
- Small group technical upskilling
- Brand & Professional growth conference
- Approx. 150 youth participants
- Approx. 35 skills leaders



### GLOBAL SKILLS CHALLENGE

- 4 day simulated international competition
- 600 Participants
- International teams from multiple countries competing in 35 skills



### INTERNATIONALS

- Global Competition
- 12 month training
- 4 day competition
- 1,500 competitors representing 89 member countries.
- International benchmarking opportunity
- Entry eligibility 22 years or younger & 25 years or younger for some skills



# 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?

There is no age restriction to enter the Regional Competition, however to be eligible to proceed to the 2027 National Championships competitors must be born on or after 1 January 2003.

Please Note: to be eligible for WorldSkills International 2028 Aichi Japan Competitors in eligible skills must be 22 years or younger in the year of the Competition, therefore must be born on or after 01.01.2006 except for the following skills: Additive Manufacturing, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Industry 4.0, Mechatronics, must not be older than 25 years in the year of the Competition so must be born on or after 01.01.2003.

## 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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bricklaying</li> <li>• Cabinetmaking</li> <li>• Carpentry</li> <li>• Electrical Installations</li> <li>• Joinery</li> <li>• Landscape Construction</li> <li>• Painting &amp; Decorating</li> <li>• Plastering &amp; Drywall Applications</li> <li>• Plumbing &amp; Heating</li> <li>• Refrigeration &amp; Air Conditioning</li> <li>• Signs &amp; Graphics</li> <li>• Wall &amp; Floor Tiling</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VETiS Bricklaying</li> <li>• VETiS Carpentry</li> <li>• VETiS Electrotechnology</li> <li>• VETiS Plumbing</li> <li>• VETiS Primary Industries</li> <li>• VETiS Wall &amp; Floor Tiling</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beauty Therapy</li> <li>• Cookery</li> <li>• Hairdressing</li> <li>• Barbering</li> <li>• Healthcare</li> <li>• Restaurant Service</li> <li>• Baking</li> <li>• Patisserie</li> <li>• Retail Butchery</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VETiS Commercial Cookery</li> <li>• VETiS Food &amp; Beverage</li> <li>• VETiS Hairdressing</li> <li>• VETiS Healthcare Assistance</li> <li>• VETiS Makeup Services</li> <li>• VETiS Tourism</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Services</li> <li>• Cloud Computing</li> <li>• Cyber Security</li> <li>• IT Network Systems Administration</li> <li>• Programming</li> <li>• Web Design</li> <li>• VETiS Business Services</li> <li>• VETiS Information Technology</li> </ul> 
		
Creative Arts & Fashion	Manufacturing & Engineering Technology	Transport & Logistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3D Digital Game Art</li> <li>• Fashion Technology</li> <li>• Floristry</li> <li>• Graphic Design Technology</li> <li>• Jewellery</li> <li>• Visual Merchandising</li> <li>• VETiS Entertainment</li> <li>• VETiS Retail</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additive Manufacturing</li> <li>• Construction Steel Work</li> <li>• Electrical Control</li> <li>• Fitting</li> <li>• Industry 4.0</li> <li>• PLC Programming (Mechatronics)</li> <li>• Sheetmetal Technology</li> <li>• Turning</li> <li>• Welding</li> <li>• VETiS Metals &amp; Engineering</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auto Electrical</li> <li>• Autobody Repair</li> <li>• Automotive Mechanics</li> <li>• Automotive Refinishing</li> <li>• Heavy Vehicle Mechanics</li> <li>• Motorcycle Mechanics</li> <li>• VETiS Automotive Services</li> </ul> 



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