



## What are WorldSkills Australia Competitions?

Inspiring apprentices to be ambitious in their careers, WorldSkills Australia Competitions equip young people with the right skills to help Australian businesses compete better globally.

Designed by industry and skills experts, the competitions assess an individual's knowledge, practical skills and employability attributes against a set of strict criteria. Focusing on the highest quality of standards aligned to the industry endorsed training packages, employers and training providers can use the activity to benchmark their own apprenticeship and training programmes.

Run biennially, and managed by WorldSkills Australia's dedicated volunteers, the competitions cover over 50 skill areas from construction and engineering through to creative and hospitality.

WorldSkills Australia being part of the global organisation sends a highly trained team, the Skillaroos, to compete against 76 member countries for the title of the world's most skilled country. Australia delivered excellent results at WorldSkills São Paulo 2015, coming in at 12th in the international rankings, ahead of New Zealand and Singapore.

Our programme of activity and Australia's participation in the international competition is supported by the Australian Government Department of Education & Training, state governments and partners in industry and associations.

### Fast facts

- Aimed at apprentices, trainees and students under the age of 23\* to test their skills and knowledge
- Regional Competitions are held every two years (2017 and 2019 are Regional Competition years)
- 4000+ apprentices, trainees, and students will battle it out for gold, silver and bronze medals!
- 500+ competitions will be held within 34 regions across the country
- Regional Competitions are organised by WorldSkills Australia's dedicated volunteers

## How do they work, Competition Cycle and Resources



Like the Olympics, competition activity begins at grass roots level. Regional competitions take place in 34 regions around the country, generally held within Registered Training Organisations, these competitions see entrants compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in their chosen skill. Content can be tailored to meet local skills demands, enabling employers and training providers to introduce the benefits of using a competitive environment to test and build on a young person's knowledge and skills.

and competitors are able to progress to competing on the international stage in front of over 200,000 people

VET in School students, students, apprentices, and trainees can enter the Regionals, the entry route into the Nationals, Australia's biggest vocational education and excellence competition. Taking place around the country in 31 regions, these competitions see entrants compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in their chosen skill.

Exceptional competitors from the Nationals may have the opportunity to compete at WorldSkills international competition. Selected competitors form a Skills Squad who are supported in their training by their employer and a dedicated Australian Expert to help prepare them to be selected as Skillaroo to compete against the best in the world.

Past competitors are invited to become a WorldSkills Australia Alumni, and join a network of professionals who act as inspirational role models delivering careers advice to young people.

### **2017 Regional Competition:**

The Regional Competition is open to all apprentices and trainees and students enrolled in accredited courses with an RTO, however, to be eligible to proceed to the National competition, competitors must be born on or after 1 January 1994.

### **2018 National Competition:**

To be eligible for the 2018 National Competition, competitors must be born on or after 1 January 1994.

### **2019 International Competition:**

The age ruling for participation at the WorldSkills Russia 2019 is that competitors must be born on or after 1 January 1997, with the exception of competitors in the skills of Mechatronics and Manufacturing Team Challenge, who must be born on or after 1 January 1994.



## Competition Skills

### Automotive Services

Auto Electrical  
Autobody Repair  
Automotive Mechanics  
Heavy Vehicle Mechanics  
Motorcycle Mechanics  
Vehicle Painting

### Client Services

Beauty Therapy  
Fashion Technology  
Floristry  
Hairdressing  
Healthcare Services  
Visual Merchandising

### Metal & Engineering

Construction Steel Work  
Fitting  
Jewellery  
Mechatronics  
Sheetmetal Work  
Turning  
Welding

### Building & Construction

Bricklaying  
Cabinetmaking  
Carpentry  
Electrical Control  
Electrical Installation  
Joinery  
Landscape Construction  
Painting & Decorating  
Plastering  
Plumbing  
Refrigeration  
Signage  
Wall & Floor Tiling

### Computing & Business

Business Services  
Game Design & Development  
Graphic Design Technology  
IT Network Systems Admin  
Programming  
Web Design & Development

### Vocational Education in Schools (VETiS)

VETiS Automotive Services  
VETiS Bricklaying  
VETiS Business Services  
VETiS Commercial Cookery  
VETiS Construction  
VETiS Electrotechnology  
VETiS Food & Beverage  
VETiS Hairdressing  
VETiS Information Technology  
VETiS Metals & Engineering  
VETiS Plumbing  
VETiS Primary Industries  
VETiS Retail  
VETiS Tourism

### Hospitality Services

Cookery  
Restaurant Service  
Retail Baking - Bread  
Retail Baking - Pastry  
Retail Butchery



## **Reasons to register your employee**

Getting your employees involved in Regionals highlights your organisation's commitment to raising standards in work-based learning. Through the commitment and show of support you extend to your employee to compete in a WorldSkills Australia competition, you are contributing to:

- Promoting the achievements of your employees will raise the organisation's profile in your industry, community and beyond.
- Cultivating and improving the level of skill and trade excellence across Australia
- Raising the status of vocational education and training
- Promotion of skill development and the value of choosing a skill based career

## **Reasons to register your student**

Promoting the achievements of your students and employees will raise the organisation's profile in your industry and state. Through the commitment and show of support you extend to your student to compete in a WorldSkills Australia competition, you are contributing to:

- Benchmarking students against the best in Australia
- Promote your Training Organisation as a centre of excellence in skills training and delivery
- Align with Governments strategic goals to train, attract and retain a diverse workforce
- Endorse curriculum and celebrate excellence marketing your medallists
- Raising the status of vocational education and training
- Value add to curriculum, offering students extracurricular experiences and pathways
- Professional development for staff and lecturers, endorsing and supporting their participation in WorldSkills Australia competition as project designers, mentors, judges and workshop managers.

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