

What is the WorldSkills New Zealand Regional Competition?

The WorldSkills NZ (WSNZ) Regional Competition is a challenge – a dare to be the best in your trade or skill area.

The competitions aim to test your skills against those of your peers. Participating will inspire you to be the best you can be and show you how well you know the skills of your job.

Why would you want to compete?

This is an incredible opportunity to measure your work performance. Competition feedback can tell you a great deal about yourself, in particular what your strengths are and where you need extra training.

Results are a great way to get noticed at work and you may want to use the external feedback about your skills and abilities at your next work performance review.

Giving it a go shows you to be an employee dedicated to improving your skills and willing to tough it out in a competition against the best in your field.

How does the competition work?

At the competition you will be provided with a work area identical to that of your fellow competitors. You will all have the same materials, equipment and instructions.

You will be given a competition project to complete over one day. You must bring your own tools according to a list provided in the technical description (contact your regional co-ordinator or tutor for the list).

What if I win?

Regional competition winners, if eligible, may be invited to participate in the WorldSkills NZ National Finals.

Am I eligible to enter?

1. WorldSkills NZ is open to competitors of any age if you are training in the industry, or training towards a career directly related to the skill category being entered. (*Regional competitors over the age of 21 will not be eligible to go on to the National Finals*)
2. An age restriction, as follows, applies to people who have completed their training:
At 31 December 2010, you must be:
 - 21 years or under for all skill categories – ie born in 1989 or later).

Regional Competitions

When a category is not being run in a region, it is permissible for competitors to participate in a neighbouring region running that category.

Past regional and national competitors within the age limit (except International Competitors) may enter again.

WorldSkills NZ National Finals

Competitors for the WorldSkills NZ National Finals will be chosen from age-eligible regional competitors, direct from industry, from block courses or from other industry competitions.

WorldSkills NZ has the right to accept or decline written nominations for additional competitors in each category.

WorldSkills International Competition

WorldSkills categories and international team members will be selected and advised after the WorldSkills NZ 2010 National Finals. ***Only the skill categories meeting the criteria will go on to the internationals.***

The age ruling for international participation at WorldSkills 2011 in London is that all competitors must be under 23 at 31 December 2011

All applicants must –

1. Work, live or study in the region where they apply for entry into the competition (unless the category is not being run in their region, then it is permissible to participate in a neighbouring region running that category).
2. Have approval of their employer to participate for the one day of competition.
3. Undertake to abide by the rules of the competition.

To Enter the WorldSkills NZ Regional Competition –

1. Read the 2009/2010 Regional Competition Rules.
2. Discuss with your employer/tutor.
3. Contact your Regional Co-ordinator if you need further information.
4. Complete the application form and post/fax to your Regional Co-ordinator.

Note: Any application found to contain false information will be disqualified. The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

This information may be subject to change.

Full competition rules and criteria are listed on the WorldSkills NZ Website. www.worldskills.org.nz