

WorldSkills UK Engineering – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Where do I register for a competition?

You can register for WorldSkills UK Engineering competitions through the Find a Future website; www.worldskillsuk.org/competitions.

2. When do registrations open for the 2017 competitions cycle?

Registrations for the 2017 WSUK Competition cycle open on Wednesday 1st March 2017 and close on Friday 7th April 2017.

3. Where will I find out about WorldSkills UK Engineering regional / selection heats?

You will be given options of which regional heat or selection event you wish to attend when you register.

4. How can I find out more details about individual competitions?

Each competition has a Competition Leaflet, Booklet and Brief, these are available on our Semta website; www.semta.org.uk/worldskills-uk or can be requested at WSUKEng@semta.org.uk.

5. What if I register then change my mind about competing?

If you register for a competition but can no longer attend please confirm by e-mail at WSUKEng@semta.org.uk we can then allocate your place to another competitor.

6. Do I pay to enter WSUK National competitions?

WorldSkills UK competitions are free to enter but there are charges for failing to attend a live competition. Go to the Competition page that you are interested in and download the Competition rules.

7. I'm interested in competitions but I'm not quite ready to compete. Can I still get involved?

Yes. If you haven't yet reached the level required to compete in national competitions, WorldSkills UK offers a suite of materials and advice to help and encourage training providers and schools to run their own preliminary competitions. Please visit www.worldskillsuk.org/competitions to download pre competition material.

8. How can I prepare for the regional / selection competition?

WorldSkills UK offers a suite of materials and advice to help you prepare for regional and selection competitions. Please visit www.worldskillsuk.org/competitions to download pre competition material.

9. When / How will I find out my regional/selection results?

Regional and selection results are issued within 7 days of the last regional or selection event taking place. Your results will be issued by e-mail, so please ensure your details are correct and that you check your e-mail regularly.

10. Will I get any feedback on my competition performance?

You will receive a summary of your results detailing the overall score and the score for each task, this is called a Form 2. The judge may also use this form to give constructive written feedback on your performance.

11. How / When will I know if I get through to the National Final?

When you receive your results the e-mail will also confirm whether or not you have gained a place at the National Final.

12. Will I get any training before the National competition?

Semta are working closely with our sponsors and WorldSkills UK Training Managers to provide training to competitors prior to the National Final where appropriate and where budget allows, you will be notified by e-mail at the earliest opportunity if training is available.

13. When / Where does the National Final take place?

The National Final takes place at the NEC (National Exhibition Centre), Birmingham, West Midlands B40 1NT between the 16th and 18th November 2017. Competitors are requested to attend the NEC for pre-competition familiarisation on the 15th November 2017.

14. Do I need to pay for my own food during the National Final competition?

Catering facilities for competitors and competition delivery staff will be made available free of charge during the National Final competition. Please note employers, lecturers, friends and family will need to pay for food during The Skills Show.

15. Can I invite my family / employers / friends to the National Final?

Yes, The Skills Show is free to visit, visitors must register at; www.worldskillsuk.org/the-skills-show.

16. How do I get tickets to the Closing Ceremony?

As a competitor you get automatic entry into the Closing Ceremony but you will need to register to obtain free tickets for friends, family or employers at; www.worldskillsuk.org/the-skills-show.

17. How much are tickets to The Skills Show?

Tickets for The Skills Show are Free of Charge to those registering in advance. You can register at www.worldskillsuk.org/the-skills-show.

18. How much are tickets to the Closing Ceremony?

Tickets for the Closing ceremony are Free of Charge to those registering in advance. You can register at www.worldskillsuk.org/the-skills-show.

19. When do I find out my results from the National Final?

Gold, Silver, Bronze and Highly Commended winners from the National Final will be announced at the Closing Ceremony.

Individual overall results will be e-mailed within seven working days of the National Final; this will be using the Form 2.

20. Can I get into a WorldSkills International competition through entering a WorldSkills UK competition?

Many of the WorldSkills UK Competitions are used to select competitors into WorldSkills International competitions, but not all WorldSkills UK competitions lead to an International competition. Please check the details of your chosen competition for further information.

21. Do I have to pay my own travel and accommodation to attend regional heats?

Regional heats are where possible held in venues within a short travelling distance to competitors, therefore any additional travel costs should be met by the competitor, their college or their employer. In some instances where competitors have been asked to travel to a selection event or regional heat further afield, reimbursement of costs may be considered, but please check with Semta, the organising partner prior to incurring these costs.

22. Do I have to pay my own travel to attend the National Final?

Competitors must arrange and pay for their own travel, but reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

23. Do I have to pay my own accommodation to attend the National Final?

The organising partner (Semta) will arrange and pay for accommodation for all National Final competitors for the duration of the National Final at The Skills Show, this accommodation will be from Wednesday 15th November until Saturday 18th November 2017, all competitors must check out of the hotel on the morning of Sunday 19th November. Details of your hotel will be sent via e-mail closer to the time.

If you require additional accommodation for employers, family and/or friends you must arrange and pay for this separately.

24. How do I claim travel expenses after the National Final?

You will be given an expense claim form, which you must complete and return within 30 days of the National Final detailing the expenses you have incurred and attaching all relevant receipts.

25. How long do expenses claims take to be paid?

Expenses usually take around 4 – 6 weeks to process, therefore please be patient.

26. We're a busy college. Why should we enter our students?

WorldSkills UK national competitions provide opportunities for the country's most talented young people to compete at their skill and show that they are the best of the best. By nurturing individual talent, you will be increasing the levels of teaching and learning across your college. This is great news when it comes to Ofsted reports and it will help your college to stand out from the rest.

27. I'm an employer. How will participating help my business?

For employers, WorldSkills UK national competitions not only help to drive up the quality in apprenticeships and vocational education, but they also motivate employees to achieve success. Taking part in competitions demonstrates expertise in your field motivates your workforce and improves professional recognition. They give your staff greater development opportunities through qualifications and training programmes and they raise your profile as a competitive, visible employer.

28. What will the WSUK National competition prepare you for?

Entering one of our WSUK national competitions is a perfect way to take yourself out of your comfort zone and test your skills against others across the UK. You will develop enhanced technical skills and learn how to work under pressure. Every participant will receive a certificate which can be added to your portfolio and will enhance your CV.

29. Please find below some useful links to do with WorldSkills UK:

General Information

- www.semta.org.uk/worldskills-uk
- www.worldskillsuk.org/competitions

CNC Milling & CNC Turning

- www.mastercam.com/en-us/Support/Training
- www.uk.dmgmori.com/
- www.sandvik.coromant.com/en-gb/services/education/pages/e-learning.aspx

Mechanical Engineering: CAD

- www.autodesk.co.uk/campaigns/design-the-future-uk/overview

Industrial Electronics

- www.eda.co.uk/
- www.altium.com/

Construction MetalWork

- <http://www.theweldinginstitute.com/awfte/>