



**2026 PROVINCIAL
SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION**
Post-Secondary Registration Package

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Congratulations on being selected to compete in the 34th Provincial Skills Canada Competition!

The Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) is Skills Canada Alberta's cornerstone event which showcases the exceptional talents of students studying skilled trades and technologies. This event provides spectators with the ability to watch Alberta's brightest challenge themselves in one of the 45 skill areas in a two-day, Olympic-style competition. This event not only showcases students but serves as a critical link between education, employers, labour groups, and government to demonstrate that trade and technical careers are exciting and challenging opportunities.

Competing at the PSCC will provide you with unique training opportunities and demonstrate to future employers that you have the dedication and skill set to participate in a high-level competition.

PSCC Gold Medalists can continue their skills journey to compete at the 2026 Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) in **Toronto, Ontario** from **May 26 to May 30, 2026 (travel days included)**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must be born on or after January 1, 2005.
- Competitors in Mechatronics or event(s) areas that do not move forward on Team Alberta or on Team Canada to WorldSkills must be born on or after January 1, 2002.
- Must be an Alberta resident.
- Must be endorsed by their Technical Institute.

Non-Apprentice Skills

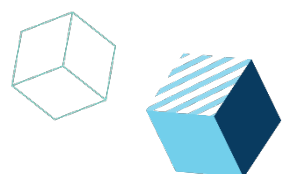
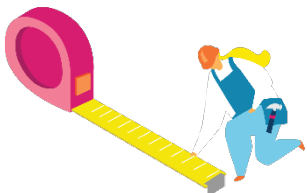
- A competitor must be a registered student with a training institute in a program related to the competition area in which they wish to compete in. They must be registered any time between July 1st of the year prior to the PSCC, and the start of the PSCC
- Must be endorsed by their Technical Institute.

Apprentice Skills

- A competitor must be a registered student with a training institute in program related to the competition area in which they wish to compete in, or be a registered apprentice in the trade area they wish to compete in. They must be registered any time between July 1st of the year prior to the PSCC, and the start of the PSCC
- Competitors cannot be a certified Journey person prior to May 1, 2026, in the skill area in which they wish to compete.
- Must be endorsed by their Technical Institute.

All post-secondary competitors should ensure they have support from their employer to attend the PSCC and SCNC as some days of work will be missed.

The cost for a post-secondary competitor to attend the PSCC and SCNC is typically covered by most post-secondary institutes. For additional information regarding fees, please contact Javiera javierad@skillsalberta.com



YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS

Check and see if your skill moves on to the SCNC. Start training early to ensure your best chance at securing your spot on Team Alberta!

COMPLETE LIST OF POST-SECONDARY EVENTS

| EVENT | Born on or After Jan 1* | PSCC 2026 | SCNC 2026 |
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| Aesthetics | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Architectural Technology & Design | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| Autobody Repair | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Automobile Technology | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Baking | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Bricklaying | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Cabinet Making | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Car Painting | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Carpentry | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| CNC Machining | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Culinary Arts | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Electrical Installations | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Graphic Design | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Hairstyling | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Heavy Vehicle Technology | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Industrial Control | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Industrial Mechanic / Millwright | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| IT Office Software Applications | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| IT-Network Systems Administration | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Mechanical Insulation | 2002 | Yes | No |
| Mechatronics | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| Plumbing | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Precision Machining | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| Refrigeration and Air Conditioning | 2005 | Yes | Yes |
| Sheet Metal Work | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installation | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| Steamfitter/Pipefitter | 2002 | Yes | Yes |
| Welding | 2005 | Yes | Yes |

NEXT STEPS

Apply online before **April 6, 2026** | skillsalberta.com/post-secondary-competition-application

Endorsement from an instructor or technical/training institute is required. Successful applicants will receive notification from Skills Canada Alberta confirming their spot.

Review the Contest Description and prepare for your competition | skillsalberta.com/eventlist

Contest Descriptions outline the project, skills and knowledge that will be tested, required equipment and materials, safety requirements, and judging criteria. Students who do not comply with the safety equipment requirements outlined in the Contest Description will not be permitted to compete. Contest Descriptions will be posted by January 31, 2026, and we recommend checking for any updates or changes regularly.

Important Note: Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training supports participation in SCA programs. Participation in the PSCC and SCNC is considered an excusable absence and approved missed days will not result in termination from technical training. You are responsible for the material covered during your absence and you will be required to complete any missed assignments or examinations. Please notify your instructors that you are competing, so they can assist you with training and keep you informed of missed course work.

Compete at the 2026 Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) | May 5–7, 2026

The 34th PSCC will be held at the Edmonton Expo Centre and is open to the public.

Attend the Opening Ceremony and Registration | Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Competitor registration immediately follows the Opening Ceremonies. Some competitions will have a **mandatory** orientation directly after registration; please review your Contest Description to see when your orientation will be held. Competitors unable to attend can register on Wednesday, May 7, 2026, starting at 7:00 a.m.

Attend the Awards Ceremony | Thursday, May 7, 2026. The gold, silver and bronze medalists will be announced, and Team Alberta is selected. Bring your friends and family to cheer you on!

| Provincial Skills Canada Competition | | |
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| Tuesday May 5, 2026 | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Opening Ceremony | Hall D |
| 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Registration | Outside Hall B |
| 7:30 p.m. | Mandatory Orientation for some competitions | Hall A, B, C & E |
| Wednesday May 6, 2026 | | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Registration | Outside Hall B |
| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Day 1 of Competition (times vary per event) | Halls A, B, C & E |
| Thursday May 7, 2026 | | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Day 2 of Competition (times vary per event) | Halls A, B, C & E |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Awards Ceremony & Announcement of Team Alberta | Hall D |
| 8:00 p.m.– 8:45 p.m. | Team Alberta Meeting (For ALL Team Alberta members) | Ballroom 105/106 |

GETTING THERE

Parking and admission to the competition, opening and awards ceremonies is free! The Edmonton Expo Centre is easily accessible by LRT, disembark at Coliseum station and the Expo Centre is just a short walk across the pedway. **Encourage your family, friends, and classmates to join the fun and cheer you on!**

PLAN FOR THE SKILLS CANADA NATIONAL COMPETITION AND WORLDSKILLS!

31st Skills Canada National Competition
Toronto, Ont. | May 26 to May 30, 2026

Gold medalists from the 2026 PSCC qualify for Team Alberta to compete at the Skills Canada National Competition. You will be asked to confirm your participation for Nationals at the PSCC Awards Ceremony.

You must attend the PSCC Awards Ceremony to claim your Team Alberta spot. If a student is not able to attend the Awards Ceremony an email confirming the student's interest in Team Alberta participation must be emailed to javierad@skillsalberta.com prior to the start of competition on May 6, 2026, otherwise, we will offer the position to the silver medalist. Once you have claimed your Team Alberta spot, Skills Canada Alberta will arrange all travel and hotel accommodations.

Before competing at the SCNC, review the Contest Descriptions at skillscompetencescanada.com/en/. The cost for a competitor to attend the SCNC is typically covered by your post-secondary training institute. Please contact javierad@skillsalberta.com for more information.

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| Tuesday, May 26, 2026 | |
| Depart from Edmonton and Calgary (<i>departure times will vary</i>) | Edmonton or Calgary, AB |
| Arrive in Toronto | Toronto, ON |
| Check in at Hyatt Regency | Toronto, ON |
| Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | |
| Team AB Breakfast Skills Orientation | Hyatt Regency |
| Team AB Activity | Toronto, ON |
| Competitor Orientation | Enercare Centre |
| Welcome Reception and Opening Ceremonies | Enercare Centre |
| Thursday, May 28, 2026 | |
| Day 1 of Competition | REAL District |
| Friday, May 29, 2026 | |
| Day 2 of Competition | REAL District |
| Saturday, May 30, 2026 | |
| Awards Ceremony | REAL District |
| Flight back to Edmonton or Calgary | Toronto, ON |

*Schedule is subject to change



FAQ'S

Why should I compete?

- **Real-world experience:** Compete in a simulated industry setting.
- **Career opportunities:** Meet employers, mentors, and educators.
- **Pathway to Nationals & WorldSkills:** Gold medalists may qualify for **Skills Canada National Competition** —and even **WorldSkills International!**
- **Make connections:** Meet other students/competitors who share the same passions you do.
- **Recognition & awards:** Earn medals, scholarships, and the chance to be recognized as one of the best in your trade or technology area. Showcase your achievement on your resume and gain a competitive edge over other job candidates.


What should I expect?

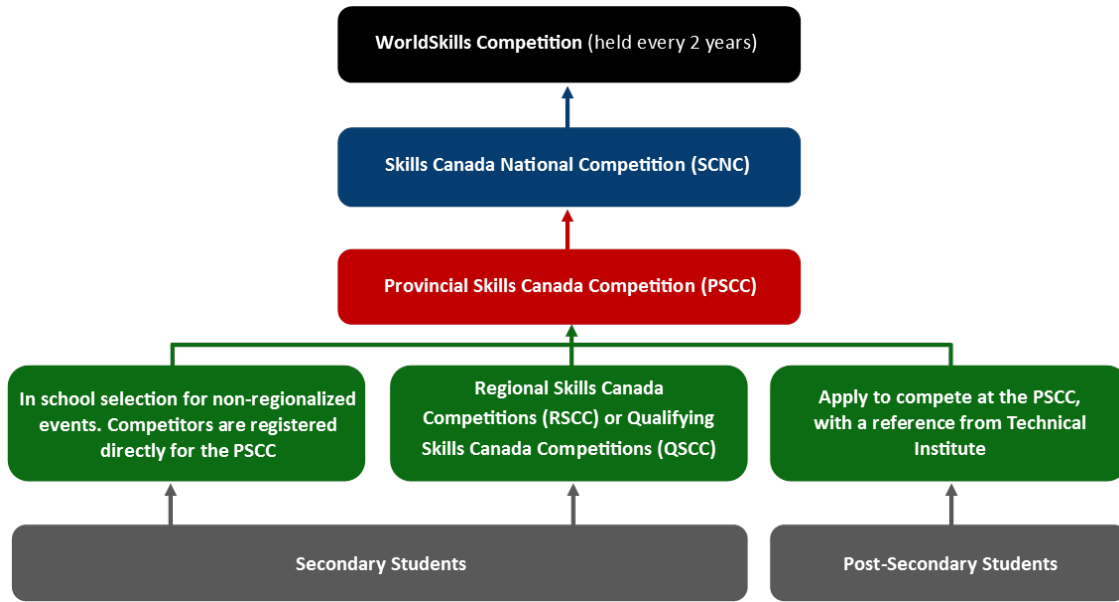
- **Hands-on competition:** You'll demonstrate your skills in your trade/tech area over 2 days.
- **Judging:** Industry experts evaluate your work based on real-world standards.
- **Team Alberta spirit:** You're part of something bigger—Team Alberta brings together passionate, hard-working students from across the province.

How should I prepare?

- **Practice, practice, practice:** Focus on quality, time management, and accuracy. Please check your Contest Descriptions regularly as some information may change details prior to the competition.
- **Connect with your trainer/instructor:** They will be your coach and best support! Please be sure you are checking in with your instructor on any updates and ensuring you are able to participate.
- **Connect with your employer:** Make sure your employer is aware of the competition dates for both Provincials and Nationals. If you'd like more information to share with them, contact javierad@skillsalberta.com
- **Listen to our podcast:** Skillz & Thrillz: Alberta's Trade & Tech Youth Podcast dives into the experiences of past competitors – they have plenty of helpful information and tips to share!
- **Ask Questions Early:** We're here to help you feel confident and prepared.

Skills Canada Competition Progression

- **Provincial Skills Canada Competition (May):** The big event in Edmonton!
 - **Skills Canada National Competition (May):** For qualifying gold medalists.
 - **WorldSkills (every 2 years):** An international event for top competitors at the SCNC.
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Post-secondary application form



Scholarship information



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