

# 2026 Provincial Skills Canada Competition

## Contest Description

Edmonton Expo Centre, Edmonton  
May 6 & 7, 2026

EVENT: Industrial Control	LEVEL: Post-Secondary
WORLDSKILLS TRADE: #19	LOCATION: Hall A, Edmonton Expo Centre, Edmonton
DURATION: 12 hrs. (Two Days)	

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

#### May 6:

ORIENTATION	8:00AM-9:00AM
COMPETITION	9:00AM-11:45AM
LUNCH	11:45AM-12:45PM
COMPETITION	12:45PM-3:00PM
BREAK	3:00PM-3:15PM
COMPETITION	3:15PM-4:15PM

#### May 7:

COMPETITION	8:00AM-10:00AM
BREAK	10:00AM-10:15AM
COMPETITION	10:15AM-11:45AM
LUNCH	11:45AM-12:30PM
COMPETITION	12:30PM-3:00PM

**Please Note: This document is subject to change as competition information is updated. Competitors are responsible for staying up to date with the most recent information. Check the footer for last updated date. Changes will be highlighted in yellow.**

### CONTEST INTRODUCTION

Description of the associated work role(s) or occupation(s).

<https://skillsalberta.com/skills/industrial-control/>

### Purpose of the Challenge

Install and program an industrial control system.

### Skills and Knowledge to be Tested

Designing, installing, and commissioning of an automated process using a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC).



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### Tasks that may be performed during the contest

- Interpreting and using electrical designs, diagrams and a process flow chart to assemble a functional control system.
- Installing various industrial cables and raceways to a wall mounted control panel.
- Programming a PLC, to meet project requirements.
- Installing and commissioning terminal components (push buttons, limit switches, pilot device, etc.)
- Wiring a panel using standard trade practices, complying with relevant sections of the Canadian Electrical Code.
- Determining adequate protection for equipment, components and personnel.
- Diagnostic and fault finding on actual project.
- Proper Occupational Health and Safety procedures

### Prerequisites

- Knowledge of the current Canadian Electrical Code.
- Ability to effectively locate information in technical documents.
- Effective troubleshooting techniques.
- Ability to install various industrial cables and raceways.
- Knowledge of symbols used in an electrical diagram and a control diagram.
- Proper layout, installation practices and techniques for a control panel.
- Knowledge of fail safe designing.
- Knowledge of safety practices in the work environment.
- Knowledge of PLC programming.
- Effective use of allotted time

## EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, CLOTHING

### Equipment and Material Provided by Skills Canada Alberta (SCA):

- All required materials to assemble the project
- Cordless Drill + Impact Driver
- Power bar
- Step Ladder

**COMPETITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY SCA.  
ALL OTHER MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SKILL AREA IF NOT PRE-APPROVED.**



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## Equipment and Material Provided by the Competitor:

- Programmable Logic Controller, communication cable and software.
- Laptop computer with appropriate operating system and PLC software. Computer & PLC need to be free of all pre-programmed PLC files. Computer will be inspected by the Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) prior to usage.
- The PLC must have the following minimum requirement:
  - 120 V<sub>AC</sub> power will be provided to supply the enclosure
  - 24 V<sub>DC</sub> Inputs and Outputs
  - Fit into a space 250mm high x 250mm deep x 500mm wide
  - 16 – 24 V<sub>DC</sub> Inputs
  - 16 - Relay Outputs for 24 V<sub>DC</sub> Outputs
  - Internal Battery (if applicable)
  - PLC technical documents/manuals will be permitted provide they are free of additional notes and writings and contain only original manufacturer's information.
  - Additional backup PLC (Recommended)
- DC Power Supply (120V<sub>AC</sub> : 24V<sub>DC</sub>) (if required for competitors PLC)
- Multimeter
- Complete set of pliers (diagonal cutting, needle nose, electrician's, terminal crimper, slip-joint type)
- Complete set of screwdrivers (Phillips, Robertson, Slotted or Standard)
- Level(s)
- Wire strippers
- Utility or Electrician's knife (Snap-off blades not permitted)
- Metric measuring tape
- Ruler, straight edge, and/or T-square
- Metal saw (Hack saw - recommended 32TPI) & mitre-box/vise
- Flat and round metal file with handle
- Hammer
- Centre punch
- Set of metal drill index
- Knockout punches or carbide hole saw (22 mm) or metal step bit
- Full compliment of screwdriver tips for cordless drill (short & long including nut drivers)
- Set of termination screwdrivers (slotted)
- Adjustable wrench
- Allen keys (metric and imperial)
- Ferrule Crimper
- Sta-kon crimper
- Any additional tools are subject to approval from Provincial Technical Committee Chair prior to competition start.
- No additional power tools and no pre-fabricated templates allowed.



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## Required Clothing Provided by the Competitor:

- Proper work site clothing (no shorts allowed)
- Long sleeves are recommended for the installation portion of the project

## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

### Safety Workshop

Upon arrival at the Skill area, Competitors will participate in a Safety workshop, and they will be expected to work and maintain a safe working area during the competition. Any Competitor breaking any health, safety and environmental rules, may be required to undertake a second safety workshop, this will not affect the Competitor's competition time.

### List of Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Provided by Competitor:

- Safety Glasses with side shields
- CSA approved Safety Shoes
- Protective Gloves (high dexterity)
- Hearing protection
- Hard Hat
- Lockout Hasp for Main Disconnect

### Competition Specific Rules

The following Competition Specific rules along with SCA's overall Policies and Procedures provide specific details in competition areas that may vary from one another. Any additional contest rules will be reviewed during the Competitor Orientation.

Topic/Task	Contest Specific Rule
Use of Technology	Competitors are <b>not allowed</b> laptops*, tablets, cameras, cell phones, ear buds, other personal electronics in the competition area unless specified by the committee for certain tasks.  *Laptops can be used for the PLC programming and commissioning portion. No internet connection will be permitted.
Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Competitors <b>cannot</b> use AI to develop/generate any of the submitted work for any aspects of the competition.

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## ASSESSMENT

POINT BREAKDOWN	/100
Measurements	20
Wiring & Components Installation	42
Functionality	30
Safety practices	8

## Tie Breaker (No ties are allowed)

- Tiebreaker #1: The Competitor with the highest score in the Wiring & Workmanship will be declared the winner.
- Tiebreaker #2: The Competitor with the highest score in the Functionality will be declared the winner.
- Tiebreaker #3: The Competitor with the highest score in the Installation Measurements will be declared the winner.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Skillz & Thrillz Podcast

Check out our podcast – Skillz & Thrillz: Alberta’s Trade & Tech Youth Podcast. Our talented alumni share tips and tricks on how to succeed in competitions and your career! Their insights can help you prepare for your Skills journey, and who knows, you might just be a future guest! <https://skillsalberta.com/student-resources/skillz-thrillz-albertas-trade-tech-youth-podcast/>

### Skills Canada Alberta Regional and Provincial Rules and Regulations

[Regional and Provincial Rules and Regulations](#)

### Test Project Change at the Competition

Where a Test Project has been circulated to competitors in advance, the PTC can change the project up to a maximum of 30% of the work content for the competition.

### Lunch

Lunch for competitors will be provided by Skills Canada Alberta.

### Parking & Venue Maps

Parking is FREE for all attendees.

Attendees **MUST** register for FREE parking by clicking the below link. Attendees can pre-register their vehicle at anytime prior to the PSCC or register onsite at the PSCC.

<https://www.offstreet.io/events/CBLHM7U1>

<http://edmontonexpocentre.com/attend/parking/>



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## Opening Ceremonies / Competitor Onsite Registration

Opening Ceremonies for the PSCC will take place on Tuesday May 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm in Hall D of the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. It is important to note that competitor registration will open immediately following the Opening Ceremonies.

## Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday May 7, 2026, at 6:30 pm in Hall D of the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. The Awards Ceremony will be shown live at <http://skillsalberta.com/>

## Team Alberta Information

Team Alberta will be selected at the PSCC Awards Ceremony. Gold medalists will then be eligible to participate at the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) on May 27- May 30, 2026, in Toronto, Ont. It is recommended that competitors review and become familiar with the SCNC contest description and project at <https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/event/skills-canada-national-competition-2026/>

During the PSCC Awards Ceremony on Thursday May 7, 2026, Gold medalists will be given their Team Alberta information package and will confirm their participation in the SCNC. Students must be present at the Awards Ceremony to claim their position on Team Alberta. If the Gold medalist is not able to attend SCNC, the next highest-ranking individual will be asked to participate. 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](mailto:javierad@skillsalberta.com) prior to the start of competition on May 6, 2026.

**Please prepare your students in advance to accept a position on Team Alberta and review how your school will support their participation.**

Please see this link for additional Team Alberta information: <https://skillsalberta.com/team-alberta/>

## Questions?

Please contact Mike Sury [MikeS@SkillsAlberta.com](mailto:MikeS@SkillsAlberta.com)

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Ben Cooney** – SAIT

**Jesse Stephenson** – Pembina Pipeline

**Michael Carrick** – NAIT

**Peter Friesen** – Retired

**Ryan Saunders** – NAIT

**Sean Costello** – Pembina Pipeline

**Zack Hartle** – SAIT

