

# 2026 PROVINCIAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION—MAY 5-7, 2026

Congratulations on being selected to compete in the 34<sup>th</sup> 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

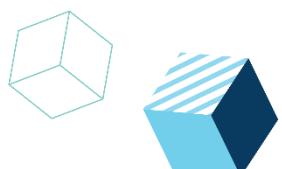
- A competitor must be a registered student with a training institute in a program related to the competition area in which they wish to compete in. They must be registered any time between July 1st of the year prior to the PSCC, and the start of the PSCC
- Must be endorsed by their Technical Institute.

### 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](mailto: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
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](https://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](https://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 34<sup>th</sup> 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		
<b>Tuesday May 5, 2026</b>		
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Mandatory Orientation for some competitions	Hall A, B, C & E
6:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Hall D
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Registration	Outside Hall B
<b>Wednesday May 6, 2026</b>		
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
<b>Thursday May 7, 2026</b>		
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 <b>ALL</b> 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!

**31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:javierad@skillsalberta.com) for more information.

Tuesday, May 26, 2026	
Depart from Edmonton and Calgary ( <b>departure times will vary</b> )	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?

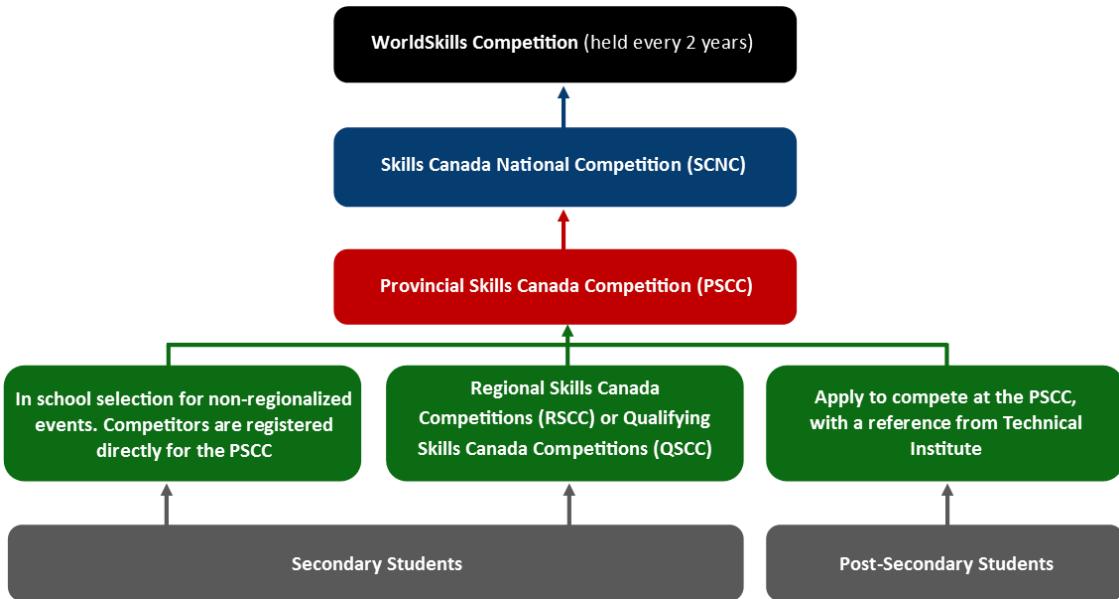
- **Hands-on competition:** You'll demonstrate your skills in your trade/tech area over 2 days.
- **Judging:** Industry experts evaluate your work based on real-world standards.
- **Team Alberta spirit:** You're part of something bigger—Team Alberta brings together passionate, hard-working students from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



**Post-secondary application form**



**Scholarship information**



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