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New Zealand

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ABOUT WORLDSKILLS NEW ZEALAND

Since 1986, WorldSkills NZ has been advocating excellence and achievement within vocational occupations. We are an independent, non-profit charitable trust and a proud member of WorldSkills International, a global movement of over 80 countries that work together to champion vocational skills.

New Zealand needs people working in vocational occupations, and vocational occupations have so much to offer New Zealanders. From the houses we live in, to the food we eat and to the services that keep New Zealand's economy moving, it is all made possible by skilled people.

OUR VISION

To be New Zealand's champion in the development of work skills excellence.

OUR MISSION

To raise the awareness and recognition of skilled occupations.

To show the importance of skills in economic growth and personal success.

OUR PURPOSE

To encourage, recognise, and reward skill excellence.

To raise the standards in vocational education.

To provide a benchmark for vocational training in New Zealand.

OUR FOCUS

Skills Promotion, Skills Competitions, Skills Development

SKILLS PROMOTION

We showcase career pathways and benefits and encourage people to consider careers in skilled occupations.

SKILLS COMPETITIONS

WorldSkills NZ promotes excellence in New Zealanders through skill/trade-based competitions. We aim to lift competitors and to help them reach their best. At an industry level, the competitions measure and identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. Our competitions are practical tests based on workplace tasks designed to challenge and, at the same time, be great learning experiences.

Regional

The goal of our regional competitions is to encourage participation whilst identifying the best in the region. Regional competitions are open to persons of all ages in formal training (i.e., undertaking a qualification or apprenticeship) in their skill, and those recently qualified (within two years) who meet the WorldSkills International age criteria.

National

National competitors are identified from regional WorldSkills NZ competitions. These competitors are brought together at a single venue to compete for the honour of highest skilled champions in their chosen field.

International

National winners, who reach the required international standard, may be invited to represent New Zealand at various overseas events including the WorldSkills International competition. Held every two years, the WorldSkills International Competition is like an Olympic Games for vocational skills, where on average it attracts over 1500 competitors from all around the world.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

We look to enhance the standards of New Zealand training and qualifications.



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