

24th Skills Canada National Competition

June 4 and 5, 2018, Edmonton EXPO Centre, Edmonton, AB

WHAT IS IT?

The Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) is the only national, multi-trade and technology competition for students and apprentices in the country. During SCNC Canada's best in skilled trades and technologies compete to become the national champion in their respective discipline.

WHY IS IT HAPPENING?

- Provide competitors and student visitors with hands-on experience
- Get Canada's youth to consider skilled trade and technology careers as a viable, rewarding option
- Engage with industry leaders, educators and political decision makers
- Ensure that Canada remains at the forefront of competitive advantage in the global economy
- Promote awareness of the nine Essential Skills through Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities hosted by educators and industry experts
- Highlight innovation and the importance of digital literacy and technology driven skills that are crucial to keep pace with the quickly changing job market
- Encourage under-represented groups including women and indigenous to get involved in the skilled trades and technology industries.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Free event, open to the public
- Over 40 competitions representing six sectors: Construction; Employment; Information Technology; Manufacturing and Engineering; Transportation; Service
- Over 550 secondary and post secondary competitors from across Canada
- Approximately 7,500 student visitors from across Alberta – middle school, high school and post-secondary
- Over 50 Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities
- Focus on the importance of the nine Essential Skills: the Essential Skill focus for 2018 is *Thinking – Problem Solving*
- Essential Skills Stage: Skills Canada partners will highlight their trade or technology through interactive demonstrations
- Essential Skills Forum, bringing educators and industry representatives together to discuss educating youth on the Essential Skills tie-in to skilled trade and technology occupations
- "Career Zone" where over 50 industry and educational partners will demonstrate their brand, trade or occupation through interactive activities
- VIP networking events attended by corporate sponsors, suppliers, industry partners, educators, labour and government stakeholders
- Qualifying year for WorldSkills Team Canada 2019 to compete at the 45th WorldSkills Competition being held in Kazan, Russia, in 2019
- Skills Canada Alumni attendance to discuss the future of innovation and technology
- Industry celebrity attendance including Sherry Holmes, Kate Campbell and Paul Lafrance, Stars of HGTV, and Mandy Rennehan, Founder of Freshco.