

Skills/Compétences Canada

Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) Special Considerations for SCNC 2021 Competitor Eligibility

Challenge: Maintain the great momentum Skills/Compétences Canada (SCC) and all of its member organizations have built over the last 25 + years through our Skills Competitions at all levels. The cancelling of many 2020 Provincial and Territorial Competitions and the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) has left many young Canadians and their employers, schools and other partners very disappointed. There are still many unknowns as to what the 2021 Skills Canada National Competition will look like, but we do want to do recognize the implications of the 2020 cancellation on all our Member Organization jurisdictions activities.

Recommendation: Adjust the Skills Canada National Competition rules and more specifically the eligibility guidelines for SCNC 2021 as indicated below on a one-time basis. SCNC 2022 would see the eligibility guidelines return to the previous dates and timelines.

Rationale: We are in what we hope is a once in a lifetime situation with Coronavirus COVID-19. This situation is impacting all jurisdictions in Canada. Jurisdictions have education and training systems that are very different, and the process for the selection of Skills Canada National Competition participants also varies widely across the country. Our Skills Canada National Competition Rules which include the eligibility guidelines have always reflected and taken into consideration these differences and have attempted to be as inclusive as possible.

As in any other year, the competition cycle started in all jurisdictions across the country in 2020 through in-school, school board, regional competitions or direct entry into Skills Canada Provincial or Territorial Competitions as a path to qualifying for the SCNC 2020 event. Our MO's moved forward, and where at different levels of completion of this process when, at the guidance of public health authorities, Skills Canada member organization events were cancelled.

I know many MO's are planning to host their events in the spring of 2021 but for some, it will not be possible to offer these events the same as in the past and this may reflect negatively upon these organizations. SCC has explored options with these members and how we can limit the possible negative impacts, and we feel the recommendation above, although not being perfect is the most inclusive approach for our SCC Member Organizations and will allow SCC to again deliver a quality event during these challenging times.

Points of Clarification:

- This change does not restrict jurisdictions from applying their own participation regulations at the Provincial/Territorial level much like many have done regarding age limits and other criteria.
- This is a one-time change, only for SCNC 2021 and these guidelines will revert back to the previous guidelines for SCNC 2022.

1 Eligibility

To take part at the SCNC, competitors must be registered by a MO. It is the responsibility of the MOs to ensure that registered competitors meet the following eligibility criteria.

Note: The Eligibility criteria below have been adjusted due to the cancellation of the SCNC 2020. These criteria will apply to the SCNC 2021 event only.

1.1 Levels

1.1.1 Secondary Level Competition

Competitors must:

Attend a secondary-level school at any time between July 1st of the year of the last SCNC and the start date of the SCNC for which the competitor is registered;

AND

Be less than **23** years old on December 31st of the year of the SCNC.

1.1.2 Post-secondary Level Competition

1.1.2.1 A-Non-apprenticeable skills

A competitor must be a registered student with a training institution in a related program in the skill in which they wish to compete at any time after **July 1st, 2019**.

1.1.2.2 Apprenticeable skills

A competitor must be registered in a related program, pre-apprenticeship program or be a registered apprentice in the trade (skill) in which they wish to compete at any time after **July 1st, 2019**. Please refer to the Red Seal list of trades for the designation within your province or territory.

http://www.red-seal.ca/trades/tr.1d.2s_1.3st-eng.html.

Competitors must not be a certified journey person prior to **May 1st, 2020**, in the skill area in which they wish to compete. SCC's definition of a certified journey person is someone who has received one or more of the following from their Provincial/Territorial Issuing Authority.

- Journeyman Certificate
- Certificate of Qualification
- Confirmation of Apprentice Completion Letter
- Completion Letter
- Or any other documentation confirming completion of an apprenticeable skill area