



Skills Canada BC to Host 32nd Annual Regional Trades and Technology Competitions

Competitions to Inspire and Unite Students, Educators, Industry and Labour to Develop BC's Future Workforce

Vancouver, BC — January 20, 2026 — Skills Canada BC is pleased to announce it is hosting its 32nd Annual Regional competitions in Secondary and Post-Secondary schools throughout British Columbia, January through April 2025.

Each year, Skills Canada British Columbia holds 13 Olympic-style Regional trade and technology competitions, province-wide. Winners of the Regional competitions advance to the Provincials (April 15, 2026) at Tradex, Abbotsford, where we host 54 leading trade and technology competitions. From here, they have the chance of moving on to the National and WorldSkills competitions. This year marks a WorldSkills year, where qualifying gold medalists from the 2025 Nationals will be competing at the 2026 WorldSkills in Shanghai, China. We will have a total of three competitors representing British Columbia, on Team Canada, this year.

Benefits of attending the Skills Canada BC Provincials includes free admission for spectators, Try-a-Skill activities, and further career exploration opportunities at the Pathways to Careers Showcase. Over 500 competitors and thousands of spectators are expected to attend Provincials.

Dennis Innes, President of Skills Canada BC, emphasizes, "These events are a celebration of student excellence in skilled trades and technology. By collaborating with our industry and education partners, we ensure that the competition tasks are not only challenging but also relevant to the current demands of employers." He adds, "The Skills Canada BC competitions provide attendees with valuable insights into various career pathways in skilled trades and technology, helping them to make informed decisions about their futures."

In 2025, 1800+ students across the province competed in Skills Canada BC's Regional competitions. 2026 Regional numbers will see an increase in competitors and an expansion of competitions. Skills Canada BC competitions and programs reach more than 25,000 B.C. students each year in every region of the province. For more information, visit www.skillscanada.bc.ca.

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