

WorldSkills Kazan 2019

The world championships of vocational skills are being held in Russia for the first time. Competitors will compete in 56 Skill areas across a wide range of industries and trades ranging from carpentry to mobile robotics, and from floristry to aircraft maintenance.

The competitions at WorldSkills Kazan 2019 – and the associated Conference – will inspire young people to study vocational skills. The parent organization, WorldSkills, and its Member organizations promote skills across the globe.

KEY FACTS

- WorldSkills is the global hub for skills excellence, with 81 Member countries and regions.
- The WorldSkills Competition is the world championship of skills, and the most prestigious international vocational skills competition.
- Launched in 1950, the competition is held every two years around the world. WorldSkills Kazan 2019 is the 45th WorldSkills Competition.
- WorldSkills Kazan 2019 is expected to be the largest WorldSkills Competition ever held, and takes place from 22 –27 August 2019 (four days of competition) at the Kazan Expo International Exhibition Centre. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be held at the Kazan Arena on 22 and 27 August respectively.
- Competitors from 63 Member Countries and Regions are expected to take part
- There will be 56 Skill competitions across six skills sectors: Construction and Building Technology, Creative Arts and Fashion, Information and Communication Technology, Manufacturing and Engineering Technology, Social and Personal Services, Transportation and Logistics.
- More than 1,300 competitors, and a similar number of Experts will participate in WorldSkills Kazan 2019. There will be an anticipated 250,000 visitors from Russia, Tatarstan and the rest of the over the world.
- 3,500 volunteers have been recruited to support WorldSkills Kazan 2019 from more than 14,000 applications.
- The Competition will utilize 75,831 square meters of space at Kazan Expo International Exhibition Centre, including permanent and temporary structures. That's almost the size of Moscow's famous Red Square.

WorldSkills Kazan 2019 – interesting facts and figures

- For the first time a flag relay has preceded this WorldSkills Competition. In February 2018, the WorldSkills official flag was sent to the International Space Station on a Russian Soyuz rocket - reaching a speed of 28,000 km/h and an altitude of 408 km. It then travelled around the world to all the countries that have previously hosted a WorldSkills Competition.
- For WorldSkills Kazan 2019, Competitors and Experts will live in a purpose built WorldSkills Village capable of holding 14,000 people, enough to fill the seats on 26 Airbus 380 superjumbo jets, the world's largest passenger aircraft.
- The Skills Competitions are constantly evolving to reflect our changing world. 2019 will see medals awarded in the new official skills Water Technology and Hotel Reception. No longer with us is the one-time competition, Radio and TV repairing! Others like Plumbing and Bricklaying have been with us since the first contests in the 1950s.
- What are the common Competition essentials required by all the 56 Skills, from Bricklaying to Bakery, at WorldSkills Kazan 2019? The answer – fire extinguishers, pens, and the essential coffee machines.
- Print Media Technology requires 150,000 sheets of paper for the Competition, the biggest single quantity of equipment. Plumbing and Heating gets through 30,400 screws. Restaurant Services will use 1,000 cocktail sticks.
- The WorldSkills Kazan 2019 shopping list also includes 24,800 bricks, 1,944 drinking glasses, 450 paper chef's hats, 24,838 individual fresh flowers, 22 drones, two helicopters, and 35,000 meters of electrical cable – that's almost four times the height of Mount Everest!
- Competitors in Aircraft Maintenance will use 65 different sizes and types of screwdrivers. Architectural Stonemasons need five different types of stone. Freight Forwarding Competitors get a map of the World. In all, the 56 Skills have made 21,412 requests for equipment for WorldSkills Kazan.
- Space Systems Engineering is one of the Future Skills at Kazan. Among the 155 different items provided for Competitors are Earth and Sun simulators, a 3D printer, laser cutting machines, a digital oscilloscope - and three staplers.

WorldSkills International

WorldSkills will become 70 years old in 2020, and throughout that time it has been organizing skills competitions for young people around the world. As the global hub for skills excellence, WorldSkills has an important role in bringing together young people, education-providers, governments, and industries from the sector.

The WorldSkills Competition is our flagship event. It brings together competitors from all parts of the world. They are accompanied by Ministerial delegations, senior civil servants, leading educational providers, and key industry partners who participate in the conference and associated networking events.

KEY FACTS:

- WorldSkills was founded in 1950 in Spain and has grown to 82 Member countries and regions, including a diverse range of economies. More than two-thirds of the world's population are covered by WorldSkills Members.
- The WorldSkills Competition is the organization's flagship event and the biggest international vocational education and skills excellence event in the world. From 12 competitors from Portugal and Spain in 1950, the event has grown in 2019 to more than 1,300 competitors from 63 Member Countries and Regions.
- Every two years, the WorldSkills Competition is hosted for Competitors from around the world to demonstrate their excellence in a range of different skilled trades. The Competitors represent the best of their peers and are selected from local, regional and national skills competitions in WorldSkills Members.
- WorldSkills Kazan 2019 is the 45th WorldSkills Competition and the first to take place in the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tatarstan. 2021 will also see another first when Shanghai will become the first city in mainland China to host the event.
- Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded at the end of the Competition. Medallions for Excellence are also awarded to Competitors who achieve above-average scores in their contest areas.
- In memory of WSI's founder, the Albert Vidal Award is a prestigious award granted to the Competitor who achieves the overall highest score across all Skill categories
- The Competition provides leaders in industry, government and education with the opportunity to exchange information and best practices regarding industry and professional education.

WorldSkills Conference 2019: Skills for Change: Building Blocks for Impact

WorldSkills Conference 2019 will bring together leaders in education, government, business, and industry from around the globe to share best practice and to learn about global trends and issues that are found in Vocational Education and Training (VET), skills provision, skills of the future, as well as skills excellence and development.

It will take place alongside WorldSkills Kazan 2019 – the world’s largest vocational skills competition. During the Conference international government representatives, experts and thought-leaders will explore and debate an array of topics pivotal to the future of skills, including how to maximize their economic and social impact.

KEY FACTS:

- This year, the Conference is being held under the theme ‘Skills for Change: Building Blocks for Impact’. It will explore the challenges and megatrends facing societies worldwide and look at the potential solutions that skills offer.
- The international track of WorldSkills Conference 2019 will take place over two days from 23-24 August 2019 at the Kazan Expo International Exhibition Centre. On 25 August a national track will be held, when international lessons will be applied to the Russian setting.
- The WorldSkills Conference Coalition provides the strategic leadership of the Conference. The Coalition is made up of representatives from some of the world’s foremost international organizations, including United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, European Commission, African Union, and the International Labour Organization.
- Speakers and panel participants at WorldSkills Conference 2019 include representatives from the world’s foremost vocational and skills development organizations, from leading corporations, as well as a series of inspiring young people who are using skills to create exciting opportunities for themselves and the world.
- Discussion at the conference will be organized into three tracks that will examine skills for evolving economies, for thriving societies, and to create self-sustaining ecosystems.
- An international Ministers Summit will be held alongside WorldSkills Conference 2019, at which Ministers and leaders from more than 35 countries will have the opportunity to discuss developments in the field.