

What is the difference between each of the 5 skill designations?

1. "OFFICIAL SKILLS"

The actual number of skills that are hosted at a WorldSkills Competition is dependent upon the total available space, the required space per skill competition and the number of competitors per skill category.

Official Skills from the prior WorldSkills Competition are automatically put forward as Official Skills in the current Competition.

Demonstration Skills that have met the guidelines from the prior Competition may also be put forward to be considered as an Official Skill in the current Competition.

Official Skills that do not meet the published participation requirements may either be dropped as an Official Skill, or will be put "on notice" for the current Competition.

If an "on notice" skill's entry numbers do not improve, the skill will be removed from the subsequent Competition.

2. "DEMONSTRATION SKILLS"

Demonstration Skills are important as the introductory step for a skill proceeding to Official Skill status.

Priority is given to skills that will provide a balance across the six sectors.

For the admission of a Demonstration Skill, a minimum of 6 competitors or teams must be registered at the time of the meeting of the Technical Committee taking place about 12 months before the Competition.

3. "HOST MEMBER SKILLS"

The Host Member Country, who wishes to promote new skills or reinstate past skills to the Competition, has the right to host up to 5 Host Member Skills.

These skills require registration from at least 5 other Members (6 in total) and are conducted to the same rules and specifications as a Demonstration or Official Skill and are awarded WorldSkills medals.

These Host Member Skills are "once off" and can only be initiated by the Host Member.

4. "PRESENTATION SKILLS"

Presentation Skills are similar to Host Member Skills, but do not have the required 6 registration entries.

Presentation skills are not subject to Competition Rules and will not be officially assessed.

Medals, medallions, diplomas or certificates of participation may be awarded at the discretion of the host organization but will not be included in the WorldSkills official awards lists.

The host organization may invite other members to participate in the presentation.

5. "EXHIBITION SKILLS"

Exhibition Skills are similar to Presentation Skills, but are put forward by member countries other than the Host Member Country.

A Member (at their own cost) may present or showcase a new aspect of a competition or a possible new skill in the form of an exhibition.

Exhibition Skills may include actual completed work or work being carried out by demonstrators.

Exhibition of work cannot be in the format of a competition and WorldSkills cannot award a medal, certificate or any award of recognition.

