



WorldSkills New Zealand News

Welcome to our WorldSkills NZ May Newsletter.

Thanks for checking out our new electronic newsletter - we hope it helps to spread the word. Secondly and most importantly we would like to thank you for your interest and support of WorldSkills New Zealand. We are excited by the year ahead and look forward to sharing our plans and successes across a very busy 2021.

Carl Rankin - General Manager

The year ahead

Our vision is to be New Zealand's Champion in the development of Work Skills Excellence.



Our focus is:

- Promotion of Vocational Skills
- Running and supporting Vocational Skill competitions
- Development of Skilled Vocations.

For 2021 we will prioritise our New Zealand vocational skill competitions:

- Looking to increase participation, with a focus on diversity and inclusion
- Aiming to create greater awareness of WorldSkillsNZ and our activities
- Increasing our industry relevance by showcasing industry requirements, talent, and benchmarking
- Ensuring enjoyable, positive learning experiences for all competitors.

Our Transition to 2021

From the beginning of the year WorldSkills NZ has undergone a significant leadership and operational reset. The reset strategy and plan for the 2021 competitions programme has been confirmed and with the support of the new service level agreement with Ara and Skills Org, we are aiming to make strong headway. The competitions team are working with our Skill Managers and Regional Co-ordinators to ensure we deliver skill competitions that benefit industry and competitors alike.



Regional Competitions

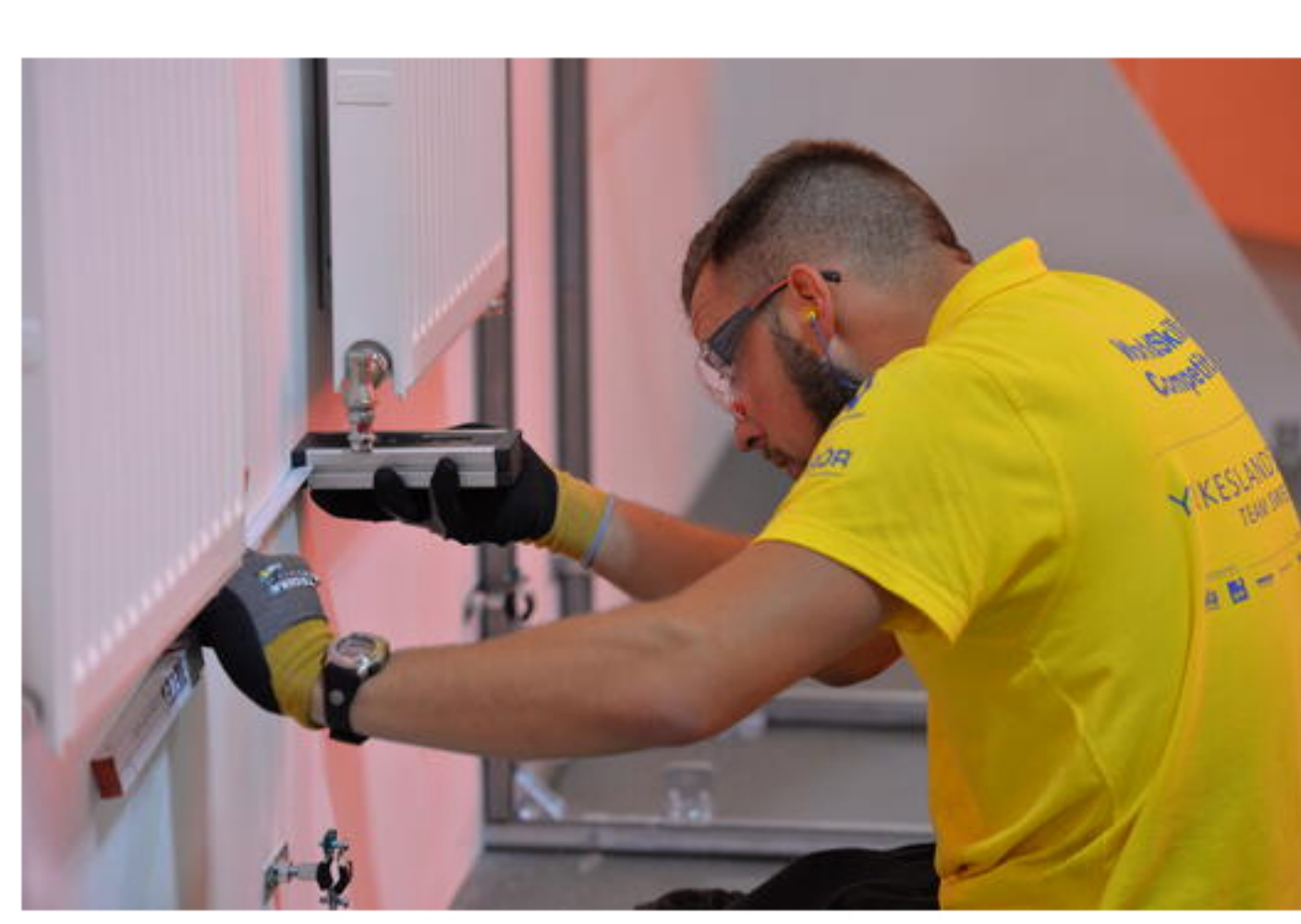
Our first regional skill competition, Northland, kicks off this weekend in Whangarei on Saturday May 29th. Our new website has details of this event plus other regional competitions and dates, and to make it really easy, competitors can enter online.

Six WorldSkillsNZ competition categories have been determined for 2021, these are:

- Aircraft Maintenance
- Automobile Technology
- Automotive Refinishing
- Graphic Design Technology
- Plumbing and Heating
- Welding.

We are keen to add Cloud computing, and Cyber security. Also, we are looking to run a demonstration of the Mechatronics skill as part of the National competition. Outside of these competitions, WorldSkillsNZ will support well-established industry-led competitions such as Baking, Cooking and Electrical.

[Learn more about the competitions](#)



No age-cap for New Zealand competitions

WorldSkills NZ is about celebrating excellence not age. So, we are excited to announce that the age-cap limiting entry to our New Zealand competitions is GONE. New Zealand competitions are grassroots events to showcase the many talented trainees and apprentices who train across our sectors. No age-cap is a great step in aligning competitions with the reality of industry training in New Zealand.

No age-cap - what this means in practice:

For WorldSkills NZ-run regional events, anyone who is in formal training or has recently completed their training can enter.

For the WorldSkills NZ National competition, generally each skill within each region will put forward their first place-getter and their best-placed WorldSkills International age-eligible competitor (if not the same person).

Update on Shanghai

Dates for the International 46th WorldSkills Competition have been announced. Initially planned for August 2021, the Shanghai competition is now planned to go ahead 12-17 Oct 2022. (<https://worldskills.org/>) We are yet to confirm whether we will field a WorldSkillsNZ team in the International Competition.

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