



Terms Of Reference - Skills Competition-2025

Skills Expo-2025, organized by Vocational Education Sector in the Ministry of Education in collaborating with Sector Skills Councils with the aim of promoting the skills, talents, and abilities of Sri Lankan youth,

Background

In parallel with the Skills Expo-2025 as aim of promoting Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), by giving greater recognition who are engaged in relevant sectors, as well as raising awareness among youth and expanding opportunities in these fields, skills competition is schedule to be held on September 2025 and awarding of certificates is scheduled to be held on 11th October 2025 with the marking the conclusion of the event.

01. Skills Competition for 08 Selected Occupations

- Details of the Skills Competition:
 - 1. The responsibility of organizing the competition for selected occupations lies with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC), under the supervision of the Ministry of Education.
 - 2. The Skills Competition will be conducted in two stages.
 - Preliminary Competition – Organized by training institutions. Each institution may nominate one contestant per occupation.
 - The final Competition – Held at the selected centres in Colombo. Winners will be selected for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for each trade.
 - 3. The following occupation, selected based on current high demand in the industry
 - 1) Automobile Electrician
 - 2) Plumber
 - 3) Welder (Flux Cored Arc Welding)
 - 4) Professional Cookery
 - 5) Cake Decorator
 - 6) Aluminium Fabricator
 - 7) Electrician
 - 8) Bridal Dresser

1.1. Competition Rules & Conditions:

- The competition will be held in two stages.
- **Eligibility criteria:**
 - Candidates who are, currently registered in the TVEC system for NVQ courses (CBT) in your institute from 01st January 2024 to 30th July 2025.
 - Aged between 17 and 35 years.
 - **Each private institutions** may nominate **only one candidate per occupation.**
 - **Each Government institutions** may nominate **given number of nominations** as per the **institute recruitment ratio per occupation** as below table.



Institute	Occupation	Number of nomination to be sent
CGTTI	Automobile Electrician	1
	Welder (Flux Cored Arc Welding)	1
	Electrician	1
DTET	Aluminum Fabricator	8
	Automobile Electrician	6
	Electrician	36
	Plumber	29
	Professional Cookery	4
	Welder (Flux Cored Arc Welding)	7
NAITA	Automobile Electrician	2
	Electrician	4
	Plumber	1
	Professional Cookery	1
	Welder (Flux Cored Arc Welding)	1
NYSC	Automobile Electrician	1
	Cake Decorator	3
	Bridal Dresser	13
	Plumber	1
	Professional Cookery	5
	Electrician	7
NYC	Professional Cookery	1
OUSL	Welder (Flux Cored Arc Welding)	1
Public-Other	Aluminum Fabricator	1
	Automobile Electrician	2
	Professional Cookery	4
	Plumber	1
	Electrician	5
	Welder (Flux Cored Arc Welding)	1
SLITHM	Professional Cookery	6
SLITA	Fashion Design Technology	3
VTA	Aluminum Fabricator	9
	Automobile Electrician	2
	Electrician	87
	Plumber	26
	Professional Cookery	37
	Welder (Flux Cored Arc Welding)	7

- The final competition will consist of practical tests only.
 - Practical test modules will be developed by TVEC-appointed experts under TVEC supervision.
 - Competitions will be held in English medium only.
 - Each applicant can apply for only one occupation.
- Evaluation breakdown:
 - Practical Test (Final Competition): 60% is concern
 - If an occupation fails to meet the required minimum number of qualified competitors, it may be cancelled at the discretion of the Director General of TVEC.
 - **Accommodation and travel expenses will not be provided** to competitors.
 - All final decisions will be made by the Director General of TVEC.
 - Prize money for final competition winners will be awarded as follows:
 - Winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will receive cash prizes, gifts, and certificates.
 - The trainers of the winners will also award a certificate of appreciation.



1.2. Conducting the Preliminary Competition:

- 1) The preliminary competition is to be conducted at the training institution level. Participants must be candidates who are, currently registered in the TVEC system for NVQ courses (CBT) in your institute from 01st January 2024 to 30th July 2025.
- 2) Institutions must hold a practical assessment to select competent candidate for each occupation to nominate for the final competition.
- 3) **All expenses related to the preliminary competition should be borne by the respective institution.**

2.Final Competition:

- When nomination received over 20 for each occupation from all private and public institute written knowledge assessment will be held by TVEC to select maximum 20 candidates for each occupation.
- Candidates who pass the expected competency level at the preliminary competition and written knowledge assessment* will be eligible to the final round.
- The final competition will be practical test only.
- The final round will be held at a selected centers in the Western Province.
- Total prize minimum value for each trade is Rs. 50,000.00
(This amount may increase based on sponsor contributions).
- All participants in the final round will be awarded a Certificate of Competency and Winners will receive the certificate along with awards.
- The final decision regarding distribution of prize money among winners is decided in the Director General of TVEC.

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3.Judgment of the Competition

- Judging panels will include:
Two registered assessors from TVEC and Industry experts relevant to each occupation.
The final decision will be made by the Director General of TVEC based on recommendations of the judging panel.