



**INTERNATIONAL
VOCATIONAL TRAINING
ORGANISATION**



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SKILLS COMPETITION

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The IVTO is a not for profit membership association open to agencies or bodies which have a national responsibility for promoting vocational training in their respective countries. The IVTO operates worldwide and is politically and denominationally neutral. The IVTO's mission is to challenge young people, their teachers, trainers and employers to achieve world class standards of competence in commerce, services and industry, and to promote vocational



World Class Skills Standards for Quality Training

World Class Workforce for Prosperity

Vocational Training in the spotlight

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training. A further major concern of the IVTO is the exchange of experience among educational and training experts.

The IVTO conducts the International Youth Skills Competition every odd year, and in this way:

- promotes the exchange of ideas and experience in vocational training through seminars, meetings and competitions
- disseminates information on world class standards of competence

The procedure of the competition is similar to the one followed at sports olympics

Participation is open to both male and female skilled professionals from industry who are not older than 22 in the competition year

- motivates young people to pursue further education and training relevant to their careers
- facilitates communication and contacts between vocational training organisations around the world
- encourages the exchange of young professionals among the Members
- promotes and markets the mission and goals of the Organisation.



International Youth Skills Competitions

Over almost half a century, the «Skill Olympics» have come to symbolise the pinnacle of excellence in vocational training. Every two years hundreds of young skilled people, accompanied by their teachers and trainers, gather together from around the world to compete before the public in the skills of their various their peers drawn from regional and national skill competitions held in over 30 countries.



The competition is more than a contest for medals



The experience and results of all the competitions provide valuable feedback both to the individuals and the systems and enterprises in which they are being trained. For some it is recognition for outstanding achievement, while for others it provides the motivation and knowledge to aspire to higher standards. The competitions are open to the public. Up to 200.000 visitors have participated.

For the onlookers it is a revealing experience to see highly competent young tradespeople in action. The competitions are particularly effective in the context of providing positive career role models for school aged youngsters.

In each competition trade, only one candidate may compete per country



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The IVTO provides a unique means of exchange and comparison of world class competency standards in the industrial, building and service sectors of the global economy. The continued growth of the IVTO attests to the fact that traditional trade and craft skills along with the newer technology multi-skilled vocations make an essential contribution to the economic and social well being of peoples everywhere.



*During four days of competition:
Efficiently and with a lot of co-operation*



As a free standing, non political organisation, the IVTO provides a cost effective means for international government and industry cooperation in achieving higher standards and status for vocational training on a world wide basis.

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Success for the individual and the team





Closing ceremony: medals and conclusion in fellowship