

# About Skills/ Compétences Canada

## WHO WE ARE

Skills/Compétences Canada (SCC) was founded in 1989 as a national, not-for-profit organization with Skills Canada Member Organizations in each of the provinces/territories that work with employers, educators, labour groups and governments to promote skilled trade and technology careers to Canadian youth. Based in Ottawa, Ontario, SCC is the Canadian Member Organization of WorldSkills. Its unique position among private and public sector partners enables us to work toward securing Canada's future skilled labour needs while helping young people discover rewarding careers.

## WHAT WE DO

SCC offers experiential learning opportunities including skilled trade and technology competitions for hundreds of thousands of young Canadians through regional, provincial/territorial, national and international events, as well as skilled trades awareness programs such as the Skills Canada National Competition and National Skilled Trade and Technology Week. A lack of information regarding the opportunities in trades and technologies currently prohibits many young Canadians from considering a career in the skilled trades and technologies. SCC brings these occupations to the forefront to make them more visible for teachers, students, parents and the general public. Many programs highlight the 9+1 Skills for Success, which are crucial skills in careers today.

## WHY WE ARE NEEDED

Over the next decade, employers in Canada will find it difficult to hire and retain skilled workers. According to RBC, over 700,000 skilled tradespeople are expected to retire by 2028. As our country is preparing for a post-pandemic economy, we want to help Canada's industries find well-trained, well-prepared young people to fill these positions. SCC wants youth to understand the many opportunities, benefits and rewards of skilled trade and technology careers. Improving the expertise and confidence of individuals pursuing technical careers will benefit us all.

