

**KFE4Skills Competition Spec – AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY – LEVEL 3**

**Note:** For general competition rules and guidance see: <https://www.kentfurthereducation.org/skills-competitions-1>

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	Section	Criteria Guidance	Confirmed Spec Criteria
1	Entry Criteria	Entrants must be in education and/or employment with training, at one of the KFE college organisations (EKC Group, MidKent College and North Kent College (including Hadlow College), and/or have completed or be undertaking a relevant Level 2 or 3 or above programme within the last 12 months.	
2	Entrant Numbers	Standard entrant number per college organisation is 2 students for most industry rounds where more than 2 college organisations are participating and 3 per organisation where only 2 colleges are participating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Each college organisation (not campus) may register up to (2) <u>students</u>.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Confirmed max number of students in total showcase: 6</b></li> </ul> <p>At the time of entry the entrants must have been challenged at the level of the competition. This means that entry is only possible through a qualifying process at your local college and with the endorsement and verification of the lead staff from that college.</p>
3	Competition Prep	This section describes preparation needed for this competition.	<p><b>Preparatory Brief</b></p> <p>Competitors will be expected to be proficient in “Auto data”, various testing principles and measuring devices. This competition is aimed at Level 3 skills. <u>Each college group may enter up to two competitors only.</u></p> <p>Competition rounds will take place simultaneously with each competitor moving around each task. There will be 6 vehicles set up (2 for each task). Each competition task round will last approx. 1 hour.</p>

4	Core Competency	Summary of relevant education level industry competency.	<p>The individual needs to know and understand work organisation and time management which will include Health and Safety, correct selection and use of appropriate equipment, correct process of diagnosis and fault finding and comparison to manufacturer specifications.</p> <p>The core competences to be demonstrated via the competition rounds are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Full braking system inspection (vehicle will have discs and drums)</li> <li>○ Diagnosis of abnormal tyre wear</li> <li>○ Diagnosis of a misfire</li> <li>○ Diagnosis of a charging system fault</li> </ul>																																							
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6	The Skills Competition Task Details	This section describes the skills competition task to be undertaken in detail.	<p><b>Competition Round 1 – Full Braking system inspection and adjustment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open to all levels of students</li> <li>○ A job card with inspection information will be provided.</li> <li>○ A vehicle will be placed on a two post ramp with all four wheels removed. The vehicle is to have disc brakes on the front, drum brakes on the rear and ABS.</li> </ul>																																							

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7	Marking & Assessment Requirements	This section provides the marking and assessment approach.	<p>Each competition module will be assessed and marked independently of any other competition activity, using objective and judgement criteria or a combination of both during each task. <b>See marking sheet appendix.</b></p> <p>Panels will normally number three to five judges and in some cases may include an external judge from the industry sector or an awarding body. Judges decisions are final in all instances, although scoring will be open and transparent.</p>														
8	Judges & Marking	This competition benefits from college and external judges.	<p>Assessment/observation and marking will be carried out throughout the competition. Each competition round will be assessed and marked independently of any other competition activity, using objective and judgement criteria or a combination of both during each task.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Judging Criteria</th> <th>Marks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Health and Safety</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Use of technical data</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Logical approach</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accuracy and thoroughness of work</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housekeeping</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Judging Criteria	Marks	Health and Safety	5	Use of technical data	10	Logical approach	15	Accuracy and thoroughness of work	15	Housekeeping	5	Total	50
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9	Student Support Required	Detail if student helpers are required and how many per	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not Applicable</li> </ul>														

		student undertaking the task.	
10	Resources	Detail any PPE or dress code requirements.	<p>Competitors are responsible for providing all consumable products and equipment needed for the competition.</p> <p>Automotive competitors will be expected to as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wear appropriate overalls</li> <li>○ Wear/bring suitable industry standard protective footwear and other PPE</li> </ul> <p>Two vehicles for each competition will need to be provided with space for all 6 competitors to be able to compete at once. All tools and specialist equipment will be available next to each of the competition vehicles.</p>
11	Health & Safety	Confirmation that relevant health and safety checks and assurances are undertaken or are to be by each college locally where necessary.	See relevant risk assessments and additional competition round specific rules and guidance requirements.
12	Risk Assessment	Confirmation that relevant risk assessments have been or are to be undertaken locally where necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The host college must have completed a relevant risk assessment and filed this centrally for KFE4Skills.</li> <li>○ Participating visiting colleges should complete risk assessments relevant to their event participation.</li> </ul>
13	Competition Spec additional rules and requirements	Detail of additional specific rules and requirements for this competition spec.	<p>The following is in addition to the overall KFE4Skills General Rules &amp; Guidance. A completed registration is a confirmation that a competitor has agreed to the following: <b>Not applicable.</b></p> <p>All electrical equipment must be PAT tested and labelled before using at the competition and all the supporting equipment must be fit for purpose.</p>

