

# 2026 ICE CityZen Pollution Control Challenge competition terms and conditions

## Competition eligibility

The competition is open to students aged 14-16 currently undertaking:

- GCSEs
- Scottish Highers (N5s) and N4 level assessments
- NVQs Levels 1 & 2
- BTEC Levels 1 & 2 Diplomas or the SQA equivalents
- Design Engineer Construct! Programmes at Levels 1 & 2

Competing teams must be based in the UK or Channel Islands. ICE is not responsible for checking the eligibility of teams at any stage of the competition.

Each competing team must be registered before the deadline of 22.00 on 14 December 2026 by a school representative or responsible adult. A link to the registration form will be emailed to all school representatives and responsible adults who have registered their interest at the start of the autumn term. Registration forms must be completed in full including the name and school year of all the participating students. This data is used to confirm eligibility to take part in the competition and administer competition certificates and prizes and will be processed safely and securely in line with ICE's data privacy policy, as described below.

Competing teams/solo students will complete the ICE CityZen Pollution Control game by the deadline of 22.00 on 18 December 2026.

Scores not recorded by the CityZen game due to internet connectivity or other technical issues with the equipment used by participants will not be eligible for entry.

It is the responsibility of the School/Teacher/Responsible Adult registering teams to ensure that each team numbers between one and four students, and not more than four in any circumstance. Any team of over four students will be considered ineligible for the advertised prizes.

## Prizes

All students who complete the CityZen Pollution Control game (irrespective of their score) will receive a certificate of achievement. Participants who score over 1000 will receive a special Gold certificate.

**The three winners of the challenge's prizes will be chosen by means of a random draw from all the competing teams with the same highest score.** In the event of there being less than three teams scoring the top score in this competition period, the next lowest score(s) will be admitted to the winner's ranks. If there are more teams in the lower scoring bracket then the additional winner will also be chosen by means of a random draw.

### The CityZen Pollution Control Challenge winners will receive:

- £20 Waterstones gift card per student
- The opportunity to attend a civil engineering experience within your region.

Civil engineering experience prizes will be designed to reasonably accommodate winning teams and include reasonable expenses to allow winners to attend. They might include either a construction site or employer visit, or a trip to a site of cultural/historic attraction. As far as possible the experience will include meeting and learning from a practising civil engineer to give insight into the profession.

No alternative prizes can be offered and ICE will verify the identity and eligibility of all prize-winners. Additional prizes may be offered at ICE's discretion. ICE reserves the right to change the advertised prizes if necessary.

Winners will be notified in 2027 date tbc.

## Publicity

Winning schools will be asked to consent to publicity for prize-winners following the decision of the competition judges. Publicity will include, but not be limited to, a national press release and photocall at the school arranged on a mutually agreed date and time. If consent is not given from one or more prize-winners, only the school's name and age of the student(s) for whom consent isn't given will be published.

## Institution of Civil Engineers Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy sets out how the Institution of Civil Engineers ("ICE", "we", "our", "us",) collects and uses the Personal Data of students ("you", "your") who are registered to take part in the ICE CityZen Pollution Control Challenge ("Competition").

### Data Controller

ICE is the data controller and responsible for your personal data. We have appointed a data protection officer ("DPO") who is responsible for overseeing questions in relation to this privacy policy. If you have any questions about this privacy policy, including any requests to exercise your legal rights, please contact the DPO using the details set out below:

**Institution of Civil Engineers**  
**One Great George Street**  
**Westminster**  
**London**  
**SW1P 3AA**  
**Telephone 0207 665 2268**  
**Email: [dataprotection@ice.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@ice.org.uk)**

### Personal data

Personal data means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

We will collect, use, store and share, the following items of personal data about you [if your school registers you to take part in the Competition]:

Name.  
Name and address of your school.  
The year in which you entered the Competition and your school-year at the time of participation.

### How is your personal data collected?

If you decide to take part in the Competition then, subject to the following paragraph, your school may register you as a participant via our online platform (the ICE CityZen game website – managed by Make Real Ltd), in which case your personal data will be shared with us by your school, via our platform provider, who receives and processes your personal data on our behalf.

Your School is also a controller of any Personal Data it shares with us. We have an agreement with your school, which prohibits it from sharing your personal data with us unless your school has made this privacy policy available to you in advance and your parent/guardian has indicated to your school by email/in writing, that you accept the terms of this privacy policy.

### If you fail to provide your data

Taking part in the Competition and, if relevant, receiving a prize, are conditional on us having been provided with your personal data as referred to above.

If you have not indicated to your school, that you accept the terms of this privacy policy, then you will not be able to take part in the Competition.

### **Purposes for which we use your personal data**

We will use your personal data, where it is necessary for our legitimate interests and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.

#### Students:

Data collected: name, school year

How we use it: To register you as a participant in the Competition and to enable you to take part and if relevant, to award any prize to you.

Legitimate interest: We regard this as necessary for our legitimate interest in order to identify and distinguish between participants and confirm eligibility to take part.

#### Teachers:

Data collected: name, email address

How we use it: To register you as an administrator for your school's entry into the Competition and to communicate with you regarding competition actions. We will also use your personal data to contact you about the competition and inform you of other ICE activities of interest. You are free to opt out of these communications at any time.

Legitimate interest: We regard this as necessary to enable the running of the Competition.

### **Change of purpose**

We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If you wish to get an explanation as to how the processing for the new purpose is compatible with the original purpose, please contact us.

Please note that we may process your personal data without your knowledge or consent where this is required or permitted by law.

### **Sharing your personal data**

Your personal data is also shared with, and is otherwise available to, our platform provider referred to further above. Our platform provider's role is strictly functional, and the processing activities which it carries out on our behalf, are limited to collecting your personal data on our behalf via our online platform, and that which is necessary to provide the platform services to us.

Our platform provider is a data processor of ICE, and their respective processing activities are governed by data processing terms between us and them respectively.

We require our data processors to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our processors to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

Your data will not be shared with any other third parties without your permission, except to the extent required, or permitted, by law.

### **International transfers**

Our platform provider may use sub processors outside of the UK and as such, it may transfer your personal data outside the UK. However, we only permit the use of sub processor located in, and transfers of personal data to locations in, the EEA. This is because the EEA is deemed to provide an adequate level of protection for personal data, similar to that afforded under UK law.

### **Data retention**

We will retain your personal data for a period of 1 year following the conclusion of the competition.

We may retain your personal data for a longer period if required by law, or in the event of a complaint or if we reasonably believe there is a prospect of litigation with your and/or involving your personal data.

If you successfully exercise your right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data:

Prior to the end of the Competition, then you may not be permitted to complete in the Competition;  
Prior to any prizes being handed out, then you may not be able to receive a prize (if relevant);

### **Your rights in relation to your data**

You have the right to:

- Request access to your personal data. If you wish to request copies of your personal data please contact the Data Protection Officer at the address above.
- Request us to have your data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- Request us to delete or remove your personal data if there is no reason for us to continue to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where you have successfully exercised your right to object to processing (see below), where we may have processed your personal data unlawfully or where we are required to erase your personal data to comply with local law. Note, however, that we may not always be able to comply with your request of erasure for specific legal reasons which will be notified to you, if applicable, at the time of your request.
- Object to the processing of your personal data where we are relying on a legitimate interest and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground as you feel it impacts on your fundamental rights and freedoms. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your personal data which override your rights and freedoms.
- Request the restriction of the processing of your personal data. You can ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data: (a) if you want us to establish the data's accuracy; (b) where our use of the personal data is unlawful but you do not want us to erase it; (c) where you need us to hold the personal data even if we no longer require it as you need it to establish, exercise or defend legal claims; (d) if you have objected to our use of your data but we need to verify whether we have overriding legitimate grounds to use it.
- Lodge a complaint about the data controller with the ICO.

Further details about GDPR and your rights under GDPR can be found at the ICO's website at <https://ico.org.uk>