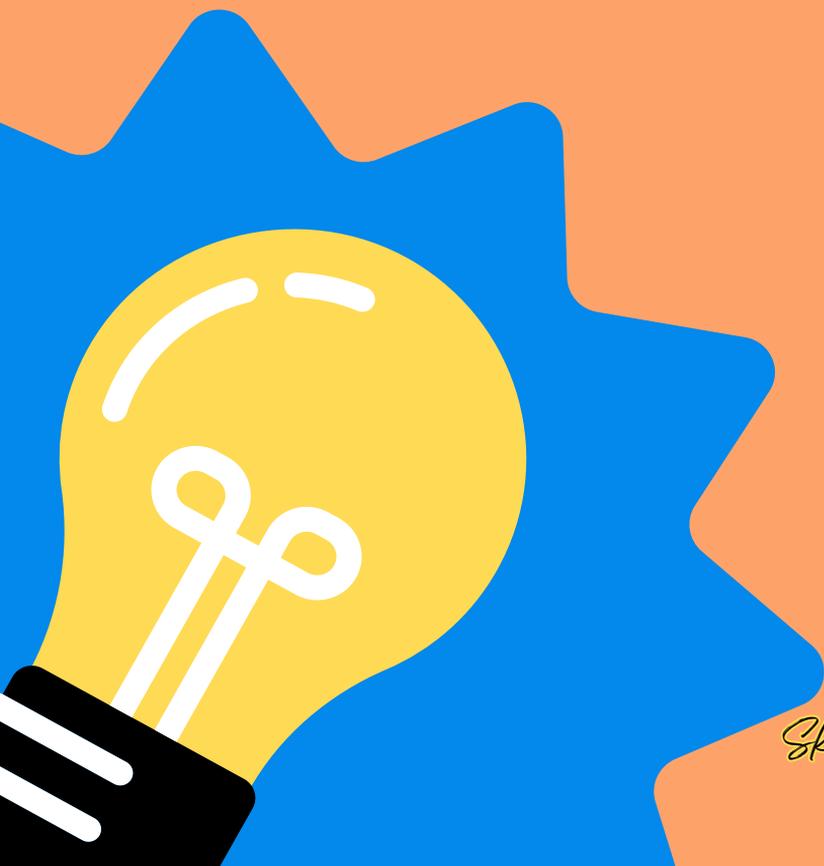


*Small Business Guide*

# Your Shortcut to a Future-Ready Team

**HOW SMALL BUSINESSES USE  
CRITICAL SKILLS TO STAY AHEAD-  
WITHOUT SLOWING DOWN**



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# WHY CRITICAL SKILLS MATTER

Small businesses thrive when employees are equipped with the right skills to adapt, perform, and grow. But with AI transforming the workforce and change accelerating across industries, many companies struggle to keep up—especially without large HR teams or custom tools.

**SkillDirector's Critical Skills Platform** was designed with this in mind. It's a **pre-built system** that delivers:

- **A competency framework built to outlast AI**, focused on essential, role-agnostic skills every employee can develop
- **A self-assessment** with real behavioral examples anyone can understand and apply
- **Personalized learning options and development plans** tailored to each individual based on their assessment
- **Instant insights and reporting** for managers to see where teams are strong—or need help

Because it's already built, there's **no customization needed or required**. That means you can be up and running in **days, not months**.

“Businesses that prioritize critical skills development are 52% more likely to respond effectively to change.”

– Deloitte

# SKIP THE COMPLEXITY—START WITH A PRE-BUILT SOLUTION

Unlike traditional skills programs that take months to develop and launch, the Critical Skills Platform gives you everything you need:

## **A Future-Proof Competency Framework:**

Curated to include skills every employee should master—no matter their job.

## **Self-Assessments Built Around Real Behaviors:**

Employees rate their confidence using behavioral examples that make sense.

## **Personalized Learning Options:**

Once they rate themselves, the system recommends custom learning activities matched to their development needs.

## **A Living Development Plan:**

Employees can save, edit, and track their activities—keeping growth on track.

## **Real-Time Manager Insights:**

Leaders see where their team excels and where they need help, with advanced reporting tools to guide action.

# HOW TO USE CRITICAL SKILLS AT YOUR COMPANY

## HERE'S HOW SMALL BUSINESSES TYPICALLY LAUNCH:

- **Choose a pilot group or key team** to start with.
- Have employees **complete the self-assessment**.
- Each person **receives a personalized learning plan** instantly.
- Managers get visibility into skills across the team.
- Progress is tracked as employees work through learning activities.

And all of this happens **without creating your own content or skill framework**—because it's already done for you.

# GET STARTED CHECKLIST

## 4 THINGS YOU CAN DO THIS WEEK:

- ✓ Identify a critical team to pilot
- ✓ Download the Sample Skill Profile + Self-Assessment Template
- ✓ Run a mini self-assessment exercise with your team
- ✓ Download the Business Case Template to make the pitch internally





# ABOUT SKILLDIRECTOR'S CRITICAL SKILLS PLATFORM

SkillDirector's Critical Skills Platform is a ready-to-use, competency-based development system built for small businesses that want big impact—fast.

## You get:

- A **pre-built, AI-resilient skills framework**
- **Real-world behavioral examples** for self-assessment
- **Personalized learning options** matched to skill gaps
- An **editable development plan** for every user
- **Real-time team insights** and powerful reporting tools

No customization needed. No long onboarding. Just results.

# READY TO SEE THE PLATFORM IN ACTION?

SkillDirector's Critical Skills Platform helps small businesses close skill gaps fast—with no need for custom development or lengthy setup. It's pre-built, designed to outlast AI, and ready for any role in your organization.

Whether you're ready to roll it out or just want to explore how it works, we're here to help.

## CONNECT WITH US

### **Schedule a Call**

Let's talk about how the Critical Skills Platform can fit your team's needs.

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