Note: Readers are encouraged to check the ITA website for information on any possible changes to the trade or program or contact customer service if they have questions

Industry Training Authority Drilling Programs

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Our Responsibility

Lead and coordinate BC's skilled trades system

Work with employers, employees, industry, labour, training providers and government to:

- issue credentials
- manage apprenticeships and
- set program standards

Increase opportunities in the trades

- help meet the demands of the labour market
- play a key role in implementing B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint







APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORS

Regional extension of the customer support team

• 15 Apprenticeship Advisors located across the province.

www.itabc.ca/apprenticeship-advisors





Drilling Trades and ITA

Collaboration between the following organizations:

BC Ground Water Association

GeoExchange BC

ITA

BC Ministry of Environment



Link to the Ministry of Environment

ITA, the Drilling Industry and the Ministry of Environment (MoE) work collaboratively

New Ground Water Protection Regulation (GWPR) Act in BC, 2014

Structure of ITA Certification needs to support the MoE in linkage to the new regulations



Routes to Certification

Certificate of Qualification

- a) Apprenticeship pathway only available for Water
 Well Driller technical training available in Alberta for this trade (not accessible in BC)
- b) Challenge pathway available in all Drilling trades



Challenge Pathway

Who is Eligible to Challenge?

Eligibility is based on a combination of hours and scope of trade.

Each trade has its own individual requirements which will be listed on our website <u>www.itabc.ca</u>

There are no exceptions to the Challenge requirements or the Challenge Application package.



Employer Declaration

To be completed and signed by your direct supervisor.

Form must be completed to include the company name, contact information, and company address.

Are not to be completed by HR, payroll, or anyone else who did not directly supervise your work.

Statutory Declaration

To be completed if you are selfemployed.

Must provide the company name, contact information, and address Will require 3 specific references that can consist of:

1 supplier
 1 employee
 1 Client
 multiple contractors





Work Experience Summary for Each Challenge Pathway

Trade Certificate Type	Hours of Trade- Related Work Experience Required	Possible Credited Hours for holders of other CoQs			
		CoQ Water Well Driller	CoQ Geotechnical / Environmental Well Driller	CoQ Geoexchange Well Driller	CoQ Well Pump Installer
	4.000		0.400	0.400	4000
CoQ Water Well Driller	4,860		2430	2430	1600
CoQ Geotechnical / Environmental					
Well Driller	4,860	3,610		3,240	510
CoQ Geoexchange Driller	4,860	3,900	3,900		1,210
CoQ Well Pump Installer	4,860	1,940	490	980	



Applying to Challenge

Complete application package on our website <u>www.itabc.ca</u>. Complete application will include: Challenge Application Form Employer Declaration and/or Statutory Declaration \$120 Application Fee <u>http://www.itabc.ca/exams/fees-and-payment</u> Application must be submitted as a complete package Can be submitted by email <u>customerservice@itabc.ca</u>, Fax 778-328-8701 or mail.

Apprenticeship Advisors are available to review your application prior to submitting





Once your Application is Received Assessment process can take up to 6-8 weeks

All references provided will be contacted by an ITA approved verifier by phone or email

If approved, we will notify the applicant by email and the applicant will then be able to be scheduled to write the the Certificate of Qualification exam to be certified.

If not approved, ITA will provide feedback as to why an applicant was not approved.

Speak to Advisor if this is the case



Timelines

Exam scheduling

Exam scheduling depends on where in BC the challenger is writing.

- There are 60 locations across the province.
- Need to book 30 day in advance
- Resources can be accessed on our website
- Applications are approved for 1 year
- 2 attempts within that approved year





Writing the Exam

Challenger will have 1 year from the date of approval to write and pass the exam

Contact customer service to request exam date

The written exam is multiple choice and the challenge must get at least 70% to pass the exam

The exam can be written multiple times during the 1-year approval period; however, it may be required to submit proof of upgrading and re-write fees as applicable



How long until I get my results?

Our service target is to get exam marks to an applicant within **10 to 15 business days**

Certificates will be mailed to successful applicants





Exam Accommodations

If English is your second language then you have the option to request a translator or a translation dictionary

Challenger will need to arrange for own translator and pay for all costs associated with it.

In order to review the different types of Exam Accommodations available and information on how to Request Exam Accommodation and paperwork to submit etc. please refer to <u>http://www.itabc.ca/exams/accommodations-esl-</u> <u>disability-options</u>





Questions?





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