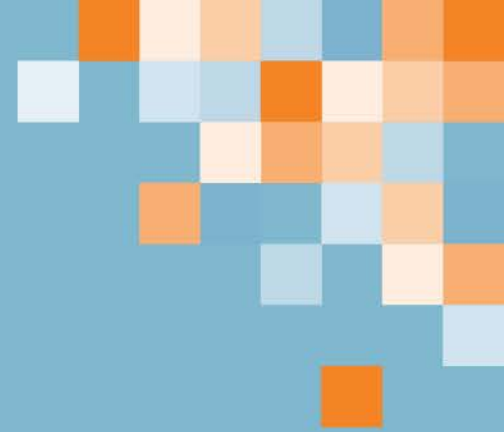
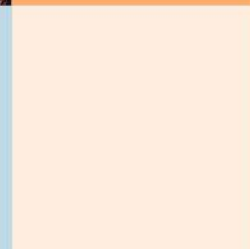
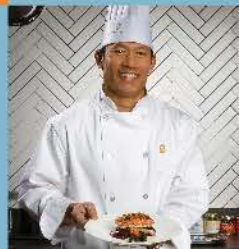
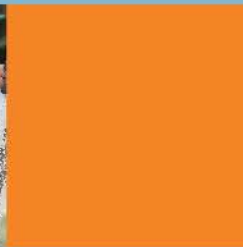


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YOUR TICKET.



BC Ground Water Association – Regional Meeting

21st November 2015



Agenda

- Update on ITA
- Brief history of the Driller's Programs
- How the Challenge process works



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*



2015-2016 KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

**ENGAGE
INDUSTRY**

**ALIGN TRAINING
INVESTMENT**

**IMPROVE MOBILITY
OF APPRENTICES**

**IMPROVE
OUTCOMES/
ENHANCE
PERFORMANCE**



SECTOR ADVISORY GROUPS

Represent key trade sectors in BC and advise on industry-specific issues key to skills training.

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Construction (Employers)
- Construction (Associations)
- Forestry
- LNG (including Natural Gas)
- Manufacturing
- Maritime
- Mining
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Transportation & Transit

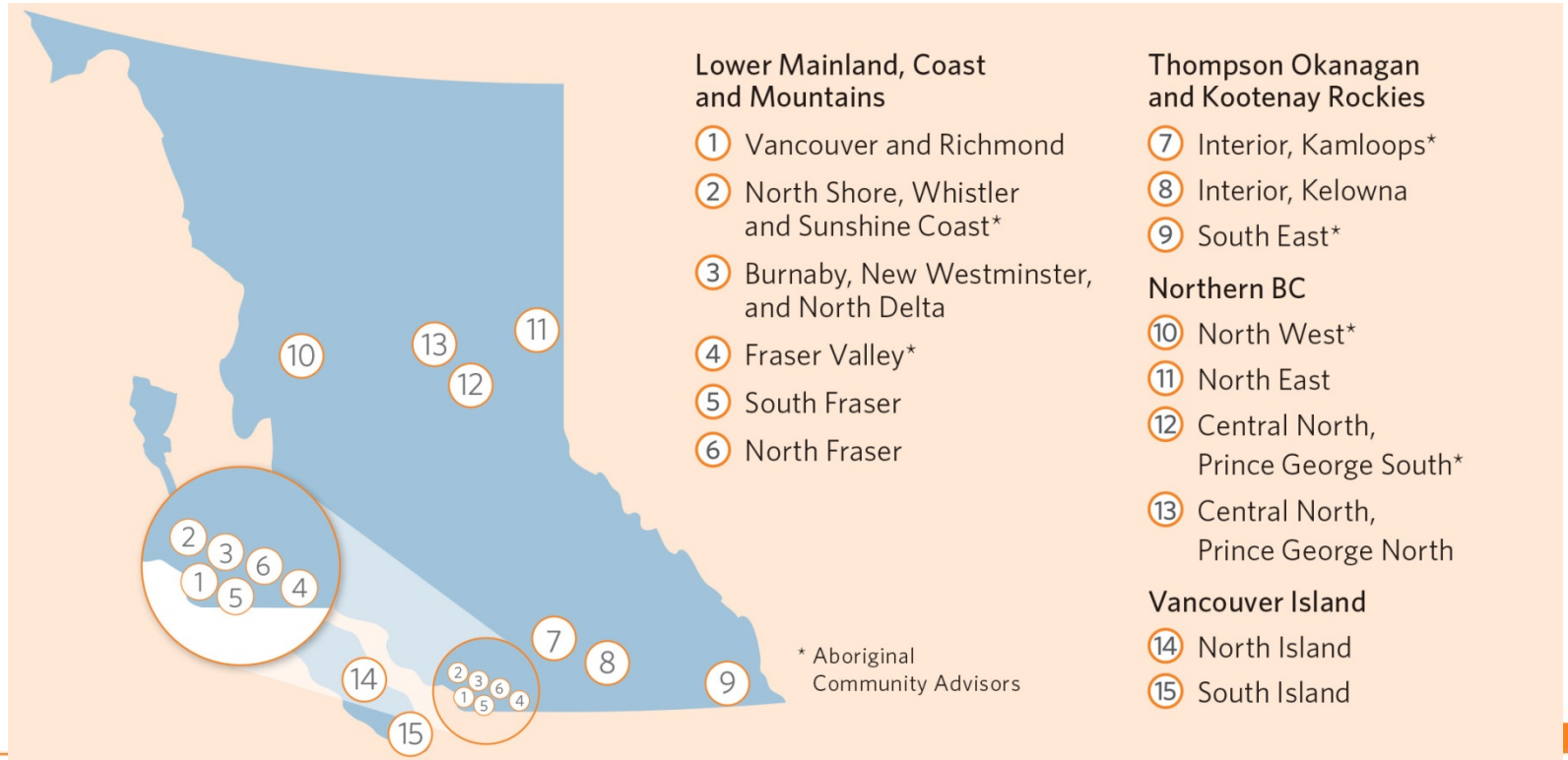
www.itabc.ca/industry



APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORS

Regional extension of the customer support team

- 15 Apprenticeship Advisors located across the province.
- 6 Advisors will also focus on supporting **Aboriginal** apprentices within local communities.



APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORS

- Manager – Rod Bianchini
- Cranbrook - Marlin Ratch
- Dawson Creek – Pam Eales
- Kamloops - Helen Poss
- Kelowna - Finbar O’Sullivan
- Lower Mainland – Dal Dhatt, Shannon Hanson, Christine Klar, Paul Zelinski, Andrew George
- Nanaimo – Doug Podetz
- Victoria – Kyle Preston
- Prince George - Walter Sorokovsky and Donna Anderson
- Terrace - Crystal Bouchard

Contact information at

www.itabc.ca/apprenticeship-advisors





The Drillers' Project



History of the Drilling Trades and ITA

Collaboration between the following organizations:

- BC Ground Water Association
- GeoExchange BC
- ITA
- BC Ministry of Environment



Water Well Driller Project

- **Review of project**
 - Program Inactivation in 2011
 - Industry Needs Analysis Developed for Water Well Drillers' trade
 - ITA Standards Review Committee approve Reactivation



New certifications

- BCGWA contact ITA in Spring 2013
- Canadian Groundwater Association declared bankruptcy in March 2013
- This left a gap in access to certification to support licensing in the following areas:
 - Geotechnical/Environmental Driller
 - Geoexchange Driller
 - Well Pump Installer



Industry Needs Analysis

- Summary of industry research undertaken to:
 - Identify training-related problems in an industry
 - Determine industry needs and priorities
 - Recommend solutions
 - Demonstrate stakeholder support for solutions



Link to the Ministry of Environment

- ITA, the Drilling Industry and the Ministry of Environment (MoE) have worked collaboratively since the initiation of this project
- 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 www.itabc.ca
- There are no exceptions to the Challenge requirements or the Challenge Application package.



Declarations of Work Experience

Will state that you have completed the hour requirements and demonstrated at least 70% of the competencies required.

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 self-employed.
- 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
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 on the specific trade page www.itabc.ca.
- Complete application will include:
 - Challenge Application Form
 - Employer Declaration and/or Statutory Declaration
 - \$120 Application Fee <http://www.itabc.ca/exams/fees-and-payment>
- All forms and documents must be completed in English.
- Challenge Application must be submitted as a complete package and can be submitted by email customerservice@itabc.ca or by fax at 778-328-8701 or by mail.



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 Interprovincial Red Seal exam or the Certificate of Qualification exam to be certified.
- If not approved, ITA will provide feedback as to why an applicant was not approved.



Timelines

- **Exam scheduling**

- Exam scheduling depends on where in BC the challenger is writing. Examples:
 - Vancouver - 1 session a week (usually booked up about a month in advance)
 - Victoria - twice a month
 - Terrace - no organized sitting - the exam is sent to the local Service BC office and they will have 40 days to write the exam in Terrace.



How long until I get my results?

- A challenger will get their exam mark **10 business days** after they write the exam
- ITA certificates will be sent out on the next certificate run (Tuesday or Thursday every week).
- When the certificates are mailed out they are then into the postal system so we can't give an exact date when candidates will be holding their certificates.
- **If you have not yet sent your application to ITA it is unlikely you will be certified before January 2016**



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



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 <http://www.itabc.ca/exams/accommodations-esl-disability-options>





Questions?



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