

OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTICE (OPSN)

ISSUED: JUNE 3, 2026

Program(s): Water Well Driller

To: SkilledTradesBC Training Providers
Youth Train in Trades School Districts

RE: OPSN 2026 011

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Summary: A revised SkilledTradesBC Program Outline and Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) Exam is being introduced for the **Water Well Driller** program.

Details: Apprentices enrolled in **Water Well Driller** technical training that begins on, or after, **August 1, 2026**, will be required to write the revised SkilledTradesBC **Water Well Driller CofQ Exam**.

Please refer to the SkilledTradesBC [website](#) to find exam support material for the **Water Well Driller CofQ Exam**, including:

- BC Program Outline
- Link to Alberta's Water Well Driller Curriculum Guide
- An exam breakdown, which show the number of questions on the exams per General Area of Competency (GAC) and Competency
- An acronym list and formula sheet, which will be included in the exam reference booklet that accompanies the exam.

This exam does **not** require the use of a code book.

For more information about calculator requirements and what to expect on exam day please refer to the SkilledTradesBC [website](#).

Rationale: The new SkilledTradesBC CofQ Exam reflects both the scope of trade learned in Technical Training in Alberta and regulations and practices in BC. The addition of BC-specific content will ensure that trade workers are competent in BC-specific regulations and codes, as well as drilling applications unique to BC.

Water Well Driller technical training is only available in Alberta. After attending Level 2 technical training in Alberta, BC apprentices return to write the SkilledTradesBC Water Well Driller CofQ Exam. After becoming certified as a Water Well Driller, they can obtain a licence from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Scheduling Exams: Exams are to be requested by training providers via the usual SkilledTradesBC procedure. For more information, please see <https://www.skilledtradesbc.ca/training-providers>. Training providers are required to complete a SkilledTradesBC Exam Request Form 6-8 weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. Training providers are encouraged to identify courses using the Session ID to aid in confirmation of exam type. SkilledTradesBC will provide an invigilator for these exams.

SkilledTradesBC Certificate of Qualification Exams:

Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) Exams

- CofQ exams are **not** blended with in-school technical training marks.
- A score of 70% or greater is required to pass a CofQ exam.
- SkilledTradesBC records CofQ exam results in the SkilledTradesBC Portal.

Eligibility

- To write the Water Well Driller CofQ exam, apprentices must have achieved a score of 70% or greater in Water Well Driller Level 2 technical training before writing the exam.

For more information:

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