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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Well Pump Installer

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# **WELL PUMP INSTALLER PROGRAM OUTLINE**

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**Section 1**  
**INTRODUCTION**  
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## **Foreword**

A Program Outline is an SkilledTradesBC Program Standards communication tool. It reflects the scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform an occupation anywhere in BC.

All SkilledTradesBC assessment tools are designed to measure achievement of the competencies and learning tasks described by the Program Outline for an occupation.

The Program Outline informs industry, the public, employers and challengers of the occupation's requirements for certification, including:

- The program Credentialing Model
- General Areas of Competence (GACs) and specific competencies required by individuals to perform proficiently in this occupation
- Learning tasks and content that must be mastered in order for an individual to be deemed competent

### **SAFETY ADVISORY**

Be advised that references to the WorkSafe BC safety regulations contained within these materials do not/may not reflect the most recent Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (the current Standards and Regulation in BC can be obtained on the following website: <http://www.worksafebc.com>). Please note that it is always the responsibility of any person using these materials to inform him/herself about the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation pertaining to his/her work.

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## How to Use this Document

This Program Outline has been developed for the use of individuals from different audiences. The table below describes how each section can be used by each intended audience.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Employers</b>	<b>Challengers</b>
<b>Program Credentialing Model</b>	Understand the length and structure of the program	Understand challenger pathway to Certificate of Qualification
<b>OAC</b>	Understand the competencies that a challenger is expected to demonstrate in order to achieve certification	Understand the competencies they must demonstrate in order to challenge the program
<b>TOS and Suggested Weighting for exam</b>	Understand the relative weightings of various competencies of the occupation on which assessment is based	Understand the relative weightings of various competencies of the occupation on which assessment is based
<b>Program Content</b>	Identifies detailed program content and competencies	Allows individual to check program content areas against their own knowledge and performance expectations against their own skill levels



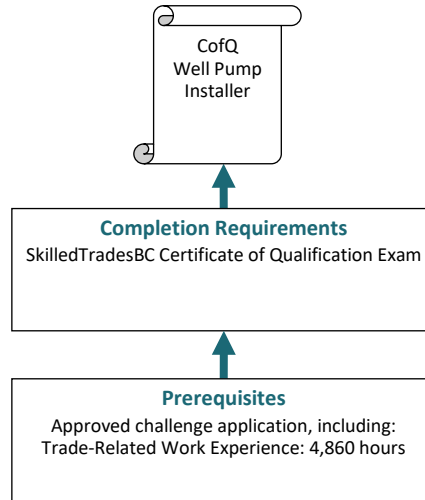
**Section 2**  
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**Well Pump Installer**

## Program Credentialing Model

### Challenge Pathway

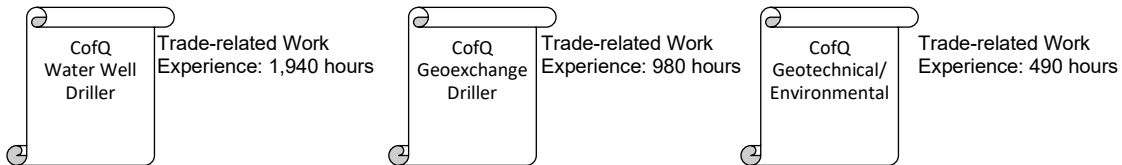
#### Well Pump Installer

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification*




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## Occupational Analysis Chart

### WELL PUMP INSTALLER

**Occupation Description:** Well pump installers install, test, maintain and repair water well pumps, piping systems and equipment, and perform pumping tests to assess well performance. Well pump installers typically work in an outdoor environment where the worker is exposed to variations in weather conditions and seasonal weather patterns. Work involves contact with water and other liquids. Well pump installers are often employed by well drilling companies, or plumbing companies, and they may be self-employed. Well pump installers can also work for larger construction companies or public works departments. Work can be seasonal, as there is more demand for well drilling in the spring, summer and fall. Well pump installers will work near or with a variety of equipment, instruments, machinery or tools, and must maintain a focus on safety at all times. Equipment can also produce sufficient noise to cause distraction or possible loss of hearing. Well pump installers will need to follow safety regulations as they relate to their work. Workers should be physically fit with the ability to conduct demanding outdoor work, and to lift and carry heavy objects.

<b>Industry Overview and Professional Work Practices</b>  <b>A</b>	Describe the scope of the trade in BC  A1	Describe the BC Certification System.  A2	Describe professional work practices.  A3	Apply trade math.  A4				
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<b>Workplace Safety</b>  <b>B</b>	Describe common safety hazards associated with the trade.  B1	Use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards.  B2	Use the WHMIS System to practice safe care and control of hazardous products.  B3	Recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade.  B4	Recognize and comply with WorkSafeBC Regulations.  B5	Recognize and comply with the BC Wellhead Protection Regulations.  B6		
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	Recognize and comply with the BC Safety Authority Electrical Regulations.  B7	State the safety considerations when working in close proximity to a well head.  B8						
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>Well Drilling Methods</b>  <b>C</b>	Describe the different types of well drilling methods applicable to the trade.  C1	Use well drilling methods as applicable to the trade.  C2						
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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<p><b>Geology</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>D</b></p>	<p>Identify various rock types and the processes that form them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D1</p>	<p>Describe various soil types found in BC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D2</p>	<p>Use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D3</p>						
<p><b>Ground Water</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>E</b></p>	<p>Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E1</p>	<p>Use proper terminology to describe various subsurface zones.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E2</p>	<p>Use proper terminology to describe ground water formations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E3</p>	<p>Describe different sources of water.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E4</p>	<p>Define appropriate terms and abbreviations used to report on lithology.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E5</p>				
<p><b>Aquifer Potential</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>F</b></p>	<p>Explain ground water flow as it pertains to various formations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F1</p>	<p>Recognize hydraulic properties of bedrock and overburden (soil) aquifers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F2</p>	<p>Describe the different types of aquifer tests and the equipment necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F3</p>	<p>Perform various aquifer tests, record the readings and interpret the results.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F4</p>	<p>Use technologies for data acquisition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F5</p>	<p>Describe the use of monitoring wells for data collection.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F6</p>			
<p><b>Ground Water Quality</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>G</b></p>	<p>Interpret detailed chemistry reports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G1</p>	<p>Use proper techniques for acquiring water samples.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G2</p>	<p>Use proper methods of disinfection.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G3</p>	<p>Identify ground water treatment that may be required for common concerns.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G4</p>					
<p><b>Pumping System</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>H</b></p>	<p>Describe different types of shallow and deep well pumps.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H1</p>	<p>Describe equipment requirements for different pump types.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H2</p>	<p>Determine the appropriate electrical wire size for pump installation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H3</p>	<p>Describe the types and sizes of pressure tanks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H4</p>	<p>Select pump type according to application and sizing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H5</p>	<p>Determine the Total Dynamic Head for a well pumping system.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H6</p>			
	<p>Design and install a water pumping system for a well site.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H7</p>								

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<b>Pumping System Electricals</b>  I	Recognize electrical circuits.  I1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Use lockout/tag out procedures.  I2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Use a voltmeter, ammeter, ohmmeter and megohmmeter.  I3 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Use methods for wiring motor controls.  I4 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Use procedures for protecting and burying underground cables.  I5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Install a waterproof splice on a submersible pump motor lead in accordance with the electrical code.  I6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Identify the requirements for an electrical disconnect on a pump system.  I7 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Complete a control box installation.  I8 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Complete a system ground for a pump installation.  I9 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Perform electrical tests as required on pumping systems.  I10 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Describe power supply alternatives for electric motor pumps.  I11 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Pumping System Troubleshooting and Repair</b>  J	Perform pump system tests to identify problems.  J1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Repair pump systems.  J2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>Water Well Systems</b>  K	Describe the characteristics of well aquifer.  K1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Describe various water well components.  K2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Describe various in-well pump components.  K3 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Describe pump control systems and components.  K4 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Use various methods and equipment for well head completion.  K5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

## Suggested Weighting for Exam

### WELL PUMP INSTALLER

		Weighting %
<b>Line A</b>	<b>Industry Overview and Professional Work Practices</b>	<b>6%</b>
A1	Describe the scope of the trade in BC	
A2	Describe the BC Certification System.	
A3	Describe professional work practices.	
A4	Apply trade math.	
<b>Line B</b>	<b>Workplace Safety</b>	<b>11%</b>
B1	Describe common safety hazards associated with the trade.	
B2	Use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards.	
B3	Use the WHMIS System to practice safe care and control of hazardous products.	
B4	Recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade.	
B5	Recognize and comply with WorkSafeBC Regulations.	
B6	Recognize and comply with the BC Wellhead Protection Regulations.	
B7	Recognize and comply with the BC Safety Authority Electrical Regulations.	
B8	State the safety considerations when working in close proximity to a well head.	
<b>Line C</b>	<b>Well Drilling Methods</b>	<b>4%</b>
C1	Describe the different types of well drilling methods applicable to the trade.	
C2	Use well drilling methods as applicable to the trade.	
<b>Line D</b>	<b>Geology</b>	<b>3%</b>
D1	Identify various rock types and the processes that form them.	
D2	Describe various soil types found in BC	
D3	Use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade.	
<b>Line E</b>	<b>Ground Water</b>	<b>5%</b>
E1	Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle).	
E2	Use proper terminology to describe various subsurface zones.	
E3	Use proper terminology to describe ground water formations.	
E4	Describe different sources of water.	
E5	Define appropriate terms and abbreviations used to report on lithology.	
<b>Line F</b>	<b>Aquifer Potential</b>	<b>5%</b>
F1	Explain ground water flow as it pertains to various formations.	
F2	Recognize hydraulic properties of bedrock and overburden (soil) aquifers.	
F3	Describe the different types of aquifer tests and the equipment necessary.	
F4	Perform various aquifer tests, record the readings and interpret the results.	
F5	Use technologies for data acquisition.	
F6	Describe the use of monitoring wells for data collection.	
<b>Line G</b>	<b>Ground Water Quality</b>	<b>5%</b>
G1	Interpret detailed chemistry reports.	

		Weighting %
G2	Use proper techniques for acquiring water samples.	
G3	Use proper methods of disinfection.	
G4	Identify ground water treatment that may be required for common concerns.	
<b>Line H</b>	<b>Pumping System</b>	<b>17%</b>
H1	Describe different types of shallow and deep well pumps.	
H2	Describe equipment requirements for different pump types.	
H3	Determine the appropriate electrical wire size for pump installation.	
H4	Describe the types and sizes of pressure tanks.	
H5	Select pump type according to application and sizing.	
H6	Determine the Total Dynamic Head for a well pumping system.	
H7	Design and install a water pumping system at a well site.	
<b>Line I</b>	<b>Pumping System Electricals</b>	<b>17%</b>
I1	Recognize electrical circuits.	
I2	Use lockout/tag out procedures.	
I3	Use a voltmeter, ampmeter, ohmmeter and megohmmeter.	
I4	Use methods for wiring motor controls.	
I5	Use procedures for protecting and burying underground cables.	
I6	Install a waterproof splice on a submersible pump motor lead in accordance with the electrical code.	
I7	Identify the requirements for an electrical disconnect on a pump system.	
I8	Complete a control box installation.	
I9	Complete a system ground for a pump installation.	
I10	Perform electrical tests as required on pumping systems.	
I11	Describe power supply alternatives for electric motor pumps.	
<b>Line J</b>	<b>Pumping System Troubleshooting and Repair</b>	<b>16%</b>
J1	Perform pump system tests to identify problems.	
J2	Repair pump systems.	
<b>Line K</b>	<b>Water Well Systems</b>	<b>11%</b>
K1	Describe the characteristics of well aquifer.	
K2	Describe various water well components.	
K3	Describe various in-well pump components.	
K4	Describe pump control systems and components.	
K5	Use various methods and equipment for well head completion.	
	<b>Total Percentage for Well Pump Installer</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Section 3**  
**PROGRAM CONTENT**  
**Well Pump Installer**



**Line (GAC):**        **A    INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND PROFESSIONAL WORK PRACTICES**

**Competency:**      **A1   Describe the scope of the trade in BC**

### **Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to:

- Describe the scope of the trade as it applies to BC
- Identify industry associations and whom they represent.

### **LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the scope of the trade
2. Identify industry associations

### **CONTENT**

- Role and responsibilities of a well pump installer
- British Columbia Ground Water Association (BCGWA)

**Line (GAC):           A    INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND PROFESSIONAL WORK PRACTICES**

**Competency:         A2   Describe the BC Certification System**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to state the certification process for the trade in BC.

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the requirements for certification</li> <br/> <li>2. Describe the challenge pathway and certification</li> <br/> <li>3. Describe registration process with the Government</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills and qualities</li> <li>• Specific job knowledge</li> <li>• Work experience</li> <br/> <li>• Certification process</li> <li>• Role of British Columbia Ground Water Association (BCGWA)</li> <br/> <li>• Registration process</li> <li>• Role of BC Government</li> </ul> |
|---|--|

**Line (GAC):**        **A    INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND PROFESSIONAL WORK PRACTICES**

**Competency:**      **A3   Describe professional work practices**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to:

- Recognize the need for record keeping.
- State the need for various records and reports and to whom they are distributed.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Recognize the need for record keeping
  
2. State the need for various records and reports for water well construction and pump installation and to whom they are distributed

**CONTENT**

- Well pump installation information
- Drill log
- Business information
  
- For the customer
- For any regulatory bodies (such as drill logs and water analysis)
- For the driller or company file

**Line (GAC):**        **A    INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND PROFESSIONAL WORK  
PRACTICES**

**Competency:**      **A4   Apply trade math**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to perform measurements and conversions using metric and imperial units.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Perform measurements and conversions

**CONTENT**

- Metric and Imperial measurements
- Convert between units of measurement

**Line (GAC):**        **B    WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**     **B1   Describe common safety hazards associated with the trade**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the types of personal hazards associated with the work assigned to a well pump installer.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe common personal safety hazards

**CONTENT**

- Electrical tools and systems hazards
- Lifting and hoisting equipment – fall, crane and overhead hazards
- Confined space hazards
- Hazards related to compressed gases
- Trench and excavation hazards etc.

**Line (GAC):**        **B**    **WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**      **B2**    **Use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify and use safety equipment and procedures when dealing with hazards associated with being a well pump installer.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify and use safety equipment
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Identify and use safety procedures

**CONTENT**

- PPE
  - Personal apparel
  - Hand protection
  - Leg and foot protection
  - Headgear
  - Eye protection
  - Ear protection
  - Lung protection
- Use, inspect, maintain and store PPE
- Use safety procedures guided by regulations that specifically govern the drilling and construction of water wells and well pump installation.
- Use safety procedures for working in confined spaces.

**Line (GAC):**            **B**    **WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**        **B3**   **Use the WHMIS System to practice safe care and control of hazardous products**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to:

- Describe the purpose of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).
- Explain the contents of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).
- Use the WHMIS System.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. State the purpose of WHMIS
  
2. Describe the key elements of WHMIS
  
3. Describe the information disclosed in MSDS
  
4. Identify symbols found on WHMIS labels and describe their meaning
  
5. Use the WHMIS system

**CONTENT**

- Appropriate labelling to ensure protection of workers
- Recognition of rights
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).
- Labelling of containers for hazardous materials
- Hazardous ingredients
- Preparation information
- Product information
- Physical data
- Fire or explosion
- Reactivity data
- Toxicology properties
- Preventive measures
- First-aid measures
- Compressed gases
- Flammable and combustible materials
- Oxidizing materials
- Poisonous and infectious materials
- Corrosive materials
- Dangerously reactive materials
- Use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials

**Line (GAC):**        **B**    **WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**      **B4**   **Recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and describe hazards to the environment associated with the trade.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the hazards to the environment

**CONTENT**

- Contamination of ground water
- Oil leaks and spills
- Inappropriate waste disposal
- Improper well drilling and construction procedures
- Infrastructure degradation



**Line (GAC):**        **B**    **WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**     **B5**   **Recognize and comply with WorkSafeBC Regulations**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and comply with WorkSafeBC Regulations.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Interpret and comply with WorkSafeBC regulations as applicable to the trade

**CONTENT**

- Regulations
- Standards
- Guidelines

**Line (GAC):**        **B    WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**      **B6   Recognize and comply with the BC Wellhead Protection Regulations**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and comply with the BC Wellhead Protection Regulations.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Interpret and comply with BC Wellhead Protection Regulations

**CONTENT**

- Regulations
- Standards
- Guidelines

**Line (GAC):**        **B    WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**      **B7   Recognize and comply with the BC Safety Authority Electrical Regulations**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize and comply with the BC Safety Authority Electrical Regulations.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Interpret and comply with BC Safety Authority Electrical Regulations

**CONTENT**

- Regulations
- Standards
- Guidelines

**Line (GAC):**        **B**    **WORKPLACE SAFETY**  
**Competency:**     **B8**   **State the safety considerations when working in close proximity to a well head**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to state the safety considerations when working in close proximity to a well head.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. State the safety considerations when working in close proximity to a well head

**CONTENT**

- Eye and ear protection when modifying the well head
- No open flames or ignition sources near well head
- Use of intrinsically safe components
- No steel hammer on well head and production lines

**Line (GAC):** C WELL DRILLING METHODS  
**Competency:** C1 Describe the different types of well drilling methods applicable to the trade

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the different types of well drilling methods applicable to the trade.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe Air Rotary drilling method
2. Describe Dual Rotary drilling method
3. Describe Cable tool drilling method
4. Other drilling methods

**CONTENT**

- Terminology
- Terminology
- Terminology
- Hand dug, Sonic, HDD etc.
  - Terminology

**Line (GAC):** C WELL DRILLING METHODS  
**Competency:** C2 Use well drilling methods as applicable to the trade

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use well drilling methods as applicable to the trade.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use Air Rotary drilling method
  
2. Describe Dual Rotary drilling method
  
3. Describe Cable tool drilling method
  
4. Other drilling method

**CONTENT**

- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures
  
- Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures
  
- Components
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  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures
  
- Hand dug, sonic, HDD etc.
  - Components
  - Drill bits
  - Drilling fluids
  - Rotation Guards
- Principles of operation
- Procedures

**Line (GAC):**           **D   GEOLOGY**  
**Competency:**       **D1   Identify various rock types and the processes that form them**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify various rock types and the processes that form them.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1.    Identify various rock types
  
2.    Identify the processes that form various rock types

**CONTENT**

- Igneous
- Metamorphic
- Sedimentary
  
- Erosion
- Volcanic
- Ice
- Heat
- Pressure

**Line (GAC):**        **D    GEOLOGY**  
**Competency:**     **D2   Describe various soil types found in BC**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe various soil types found in BC.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify various soil types and their characteristics

**CONTENT**

- Surficial
- Fluvial
- Glacial
- Sedimentary
- Loams
- Saturated and unsaturated



**Line (GAC):** D **GEOLOGY**  
**Competency:** D3 **Use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use proper terminology to describe geological formations as it applies to the trade.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe geological formations as it applies to the trade

**CONTENT**

- Terminology
- Description

**Line (GAC):**        **E    GROUND WATER**  
**Competency:**     **E1   Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle)**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle).

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the Hydrologic Cycle (Water Cycle)

**CONTENT**

- Terminology
  - importance of precipitation
  - infiltration
  - transpiration
  - evaporation
- The effect of weather and water movement on the water cycle

**Line (GAC):**        **E    GROUND WATER**  
**Competency:**     **E2   Use proper terminology to describe various subsurface zones**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe various subsurface zones.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe various subsurface zones

**CONTENT**

- Zone of soil moisture
- Zone of aeration
- Zone of saturation
- Effects of gravity and capillary motion
- Occurrence and movement of ground water

**Line (GAC):** E **GROUND WATER**  
**Competency:** E3 **Use proper terminology to describe ground water formations**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe ground water formations as it pertains to water storage.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe groundwater formations

**CONTENT**

- Aquifer (saturated zone)
- Aquitard (confining beds)
- Porosity etc.

**Line (GAC):** E **GROUND WATER**  
**Competency:** E4 **Describe different sources of water**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to:

- Describe different sources of water.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe different sources of water

**CONTENT**

- Surface water
- Effects of surface water on the water table
- Ground water
- GUDI (Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water)

**Line (GAC):** E **GROUND WATER**  
**Competency:** E5 **Define appropriate terms and abbreviations used to report on lithology**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to define appropriate terms and abbreviations used to report on lithology.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Define terms and abbreviations commonly-used in lithology reporting

**CONTENT**

- Terms
- Abbreviations

**Line (GAC):** F **AQUIFER POTENTIAL**  
**Competency:** F1 **Explain ground water flow as it pertains to various formations**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to explain ground water flow as it pertains to various formations.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Explain ground water flow as it pertains to various formations

**CONTENT**

- Zone of saturation
- Occurrence and movement of ground water
- Water Table
- Phreatic Surface

**Line (GAC):** F **AQUIFER POTENTIAL**  
**Competency:** F2 **Recognize hydraulic properties of bedrock and overburden (soil) aquifers**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize hydraulic properties of bedrock and overburden (soil) aquifers.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe hydraulic properties of bedrock and overburden (soil) aquifers

**CONTENT**

- Porosity
- Permeability
- Hydraulic properties
- Types of aquifers (confined and unconfined)
- Transmissivity
- Storativity
- Hydraulic gradient



**Line (GAC):** F **AQUIFER POTENTIAL**  
**Competency:** F3 **Describe the different types of aquifer tests and the equipment necessary**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the different types of aquifer tests and the equipment necessary.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the different types of aquifer tests
2. Describe the equipment required for the tests

**CONTENT**

- Test conditions such as water levels, water temperature, ground water quality, weather conditions, pump discharge etc.
- Proper use of tests
- Electric or steel tapes
- Pressure transducers and data logger
- Barometers
- Temperature gauge
- Pump discharge measurement devices
- Flow meter etc.

**Line (GAC):** F **AQUIFER POTENTIAL**  
**Competency:** F4 **Perform various aquifer tests, record the readings and interpret the results**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to perform the various aquifer tests, record the readings and interpret the results.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Perform the various aquifer tests, record the readings and interpret the results

**CONTENT**

- Prepare for the test
- Record data
- Evaluate test results

**Line (GAC):** F **AQUIFER POTENTIAL**  
**Competency:** F5 **Use technologies for data acquisition**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use technologies for data acquisition.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use technologies for data acquisition

**CONTENT**

- Data loggers
- Static indicators
- Flow meters
- Orifice tubes etc.

**Line (GAC):** F **AQUIFER POTENTIAL**  
**Competency:** F6 **Describe the use of monitoring wells for data collection**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the use of monitoring wells for data collection.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the use of monitoring wells for data collection

**CONTENT**

- Who can construct monitoring wells
- Examples of monitoring wells
  - Bore holes drilled to assess ground water quality
  - Holes drilled to monitor water table elevations

**Line (GAC):**        **G**    **GROUND WATER QUALITY**  
**Competency:**      **G1**   **Interpret detailed chemistry reports**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to interpret detailed chemistry reports.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Interpret detailed chemistry reports

**CONTENT**

- Important mineral constituents in ground water
- Typical parameters for chemical analysis
- Common substances naturally found in ground water in BC that can cause problems in operating wells
- Quality characteristics
  - Measure of total dissolved solids (TDS) as an indicator of the mineralized character of the water
  - Water quality standards

**Line (GAC):**            **G    GROUND WATER QUALITY**  
**Competency:**        **G2   Use proper techniques for acquiring water samples**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use proper techniques for acquiring water samples.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1.    Use proper techniques for acquiring water samples

**CONTENT**

- Select sample site
- Conduct visual inspection of site
- Acquire the correct number of samples
- Label samples clearly
- Use appropriate sampling containers
- Use appropriate sampling procedures
- Preserve and store sample
- Prevent sample contamination

**Line (GAC):**        **G    GROUND WATER QUALITY**  
**Competency:**     **G3   Use proper methods of disinfection**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use proper methods of disinfection.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1.    Use proper methods of disinfection

**CONTENT**

- Well cleaning
- Disinfection using chlorine
  - Simple chlorination
  - Shock chlorination
  - Bulk displacement chlorination
- Chlorination of tools and materials

**Line (GAC):**            **G    GROUND WATER QUALITY**  
**Competency:**        **G4   Identify ground water treatment that may be required for common concerns**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify ground water treatment that may be required for common concerns.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify ground water treatment that may be required for common concerns

**CONTENT**

- Common concerns such as:
  - Bacteria
  - Chemicals such as Arsenic, Boron, Uranium etc.
- Suitable treatments for common concerns using:
  - Water softener
  - Reverse osmosis
  - Ultraviolet



**Line (GAC):** H PUMPING SYSTEM  
**Competency:** H1 Describe different types of shallow and deep well pumps

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe different types of shallow and deep well pumps.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe different types of shallow and deep well pumps

**CONTENT**

- Shallow well pumps:
  - Hand pump
  - Centrifugal pump
  - Air lift pump
  - Jet pump
- Deep well pumps
  - Submersible pump
  - Line shaft turbine
  - Reciprocating pump with a lifting well
  - Deep well jet pump

**Line (GAC):** H PUMPING SYSTEM  
**Competency:** H2 Describe equipment requirements for different pump types

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe equipment requirements for different pump types.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe equipment requirements for different pump types

**CONTENT**

- Shallow well pumps:
  - Hand pump
  - Centrifugal pump
  - Air lift pump
  - Jet pump
- Deep well pumps
  - Submersible pump
  - Line shaft turbine
  - Reciprocating pump with a lifting well
  - Deep well jet pump
- Licensing requirements for different pumps

**Line (GAC):** H PUMPING SYSTEM  
**Competency:** H3 Determine the appropriate electrical wire size for pump installation

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to determine the appropriate electrical wire size for pump installation.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Determine the appropriate electrical wire size for pump installation

**CONTENT**

- For electric wire sizing, consider factors including:
  - Voltage
  - Distance
  - Power source
  - Phase

**Line (GAC):** H PUMPING SYSTEM  
**Competency:** H4 Describe the types and sizes of pressure tanks

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the types and sizes of pressure tanks.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the types and sizes of pressure tanks

**CONTENT**

- Air-over-water pressure tank
- Diaphragm pressure tank
- Bladder pressure tank

**Line (GAC):** H PUMPING SYSTEM  
**Competency:** H5 Select pump type according to application and sizing

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to select pump type according to application and sizing.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Select pump type according to application and sizing

**CONTENT**

- Consider factors including:
  - Pump capacity
  - Pumping maximum temperature
  - Specific gravity
  - System demand (water usage and location)
  - Well capacity
  - Casing diameter
  - Static water level
  - Depth of well

**Line (GAC):** H PUMPING SYSTEM  
**Competency:** H6 Determine the Total Dynamic Head (TDH) for a well pumping system

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to determine the Total Dynamic Head (TDH) for a well pumping system.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Determine the Total Dynamic Head for a well pumping system

**CONTENT**

- Consider factors including:
  - Friction loss (pipe size/length/diameter)
  - Altitude
  - Elevation change
  - Operating pressure
  - Distance
  - Pipe materials
  - Velocity head
  - Flow rate

**Line (GAC):** H PUMPING SYSTEM  
**Competency:** H7 Design and install a water pumping system for a well site

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to design and install a water pumping system for a well site.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Design and install a water pumping system for a well site

**CONTENT**

- Consider factors such as:
  - Type of well pump
  - Licensing and equipment requirements
  - Electrical wire sizing
  - Pressure tank sizing
  - Pump type sizing
  - Total Dynamic Head
  - Well location
  - Well depth
  - Construction materials

**Line (GAC):** I **PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS**  
**Competency:** I1 **Recognize electrical circuits**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to recognize electrical circuits.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify common drawings for electric circuits
  
2. Describe the basic operation of electric circuits

**CONTENT**

- Wiring diagram
- Schematic diagram
  
- Circuit terminology
  - Resistance, voltage and current
  - Phase
- Circuit components
- Current flow



**Line (GAC):** I PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS  
**Competency:** I2 Use lockout/tag out procedures

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to explain lockout requirements and use lockout procedures for various situations.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use lockout/tag out procedures

**CONTENT**

- Safety isolation requirements
- WorkSafeBC regulations
- Electrical lockout procedures such as:
  - Use of locks
  - Use of tags
  - Documentation
- De-energize and isolate equipment

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>I3</b>	<b>Use a voltmeter, ampmeter, ohmmeter and megohmmeter</b>

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use a voltmeter, ampmeter, ohmmeter and megohmmeter.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use a voltmeter, ampmeter, ohmmeter and megohmmeter
2. Maintain analog/digital meters

**CONTENT**

- Safety
- Circuit placement
  - Lead to lead
  - Lead to ground test
- Function
- Ranges and specifications
- Polarity
- Reading scales
- Zero adjustment
- Stray magnetic fields
- Inspection
- Storage
- Part replacement

**Line (GAC):** I **PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS**  
**Competency:** I4 **Use methods for wiring motor controls**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use methods for wiring motor controls.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use methods for wiring motor controls

**CONTENT**

- Follow the regulations and Canadian Electrical Code requirements
- Differentiate between single-phase and 3-phase circuits and methods of wiring

**Line (GAC):** I **PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS**  
**Competency:** I5 **Use procedures for protecting and burying underground cables**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use procedures for protecting and burying underground cables.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use procedures for protecting and burying underground cables

**CONTENT**

- Seek information from BC One Call or a Locates company
- Carefully inspect the site
- Conduct a pre-survey of the site
- Use cable locating devices
- Use safe digging practices
- Prevent possible vehicular or pedestrian traffic damage using cones and barricades
- Use trenching as required for the site
- Follow federal/provincial regulations

<b>Line (GAC):</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS</b>
<b>Competency:</b>	<b>I6</b>	<b>Install a waterproof splice on a submersible pump motor lead in accordance with the electrical code</b>

### Objectives

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to install a waterproof splice on a submersible pump motor lead in accordance with the electrical code.

### LEARNING TASKS

1. Install a waterproof splice on a submersible pump motor lead in accordance with the electrical code

### CONTENT

- Need for a waterproof splice
- Use specific instructions as supplied with the drop cable or in the pump motor manual
- Use appropriate materials and methods such as:
  - Waterproof tapes
  - Resin castings
  - Heat shrink tubes etc.
- Perform a test after making the splice to ensure it is waterproof
- Measure the total resistance of the complete drop cable and motor circuit to ensure a good splice

**Line (GAC):** I **PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS**  
**Competency:** I7 **Identify the requirements for an electrical disconnect on a pump system**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to identify the requirements for an electrical disconnect on a pump system.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the requirements for an electrical disconnect on a pump system

**CONTENT**

- Use of disconnect switches
  - Proper sizing
  - Fuse requirements

**Line (GAC):** I **PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS**  
**Competency:** I8 **Complete a control box installation**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to complete a control box installation.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Complete a control box installation

**CONTENT**

- Meet regulations and electrical code requirements
- Consider area of installation
- Cabling and connector requirements
- Use of auxiliary (noise reduction) capacitors

**Line (GAC):** I **PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS**  
**Competency:** I9 **Complete a system ground for a pump installation**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to complete a system ground for a pump installation.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Complete a system ground for a pump installation

**CONTENT**

- Systems, circuits and equipment for grounding
- Location of grounding connections
- Type and sizes of grounding conductors
- Methods of grounding
- Compliance with appropriate regulations



**Line (GAC):** I PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS  
**Competency:** I10 Perform electrical tests as required on pumping systems

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to perform electrical tests as required on pumping systems.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Perform electrical tests as required on pumping systems

**CONTENT**

- Electrical tests for insulation resistance, continuity, voltage, current imbalance etc.
- Specific tests such as:
  - Ground test
  - Phase balance test
  - Megohmmeter test
  - Lead to lead test

**Line (GAC):** I PUMPING SYSTEM ELECTRICALS  
**Competency:** I11 Describe power supply alternatives for electric motor pumps

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe power supply alternatives for electric motor pumps.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe power supply alternatives for electric motor pumps

**CONTENT**

- Single phase and three-phase power supply system in relation to electric motors
- Motor voltage requirements

**Line (GAC):** J **PUMPING SYSTEM TROUBLESHOOTING AND REPAIR**  
**Competency:** J1 **Perform pump system tests to identify problems**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to perform pump system tests to identify problems.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe common problems associated with pump systems
2. Perform pump system tests to identify problems

**CONTENT**

- Typical problems, causes and solutions
- Well flow tests
- Instrumentation required for testing including flow meters, electrical meters and pressure instruments
- Specific testing procedures
- Interpret test results to identify problems

**Line (GAC):** J **PUMPING SYSTEM TROUBLESHOOTING AND REPAIR**  
**Competency:** J2 **Repair pump systems**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to repair pump systems.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Diagnose pump system problems
2. Repair pump systems

**CONTENT**

- Use appropriate protocols to diagnose pump system problems
- Use a troubleshooting decision tree
- Isolate the cause and repair the pump system

**Line (GAC):**        **K**    **WATER WELL SYSTEMS**  
**Competency:**     **K1**   **Describe the characteristics of an aquifer**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe the characteristics of an aquifer.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics of an aquifer

**CONTENT**

- Well yield
- Static level
- Pumping water level
- Artesian flow
- Water quality
- Overburden aquifers (confined and unconfined)
- Water bearing bedrock fractures

**Line (GAC):**        **K**    **WATER WELL SYSTEMS**  
**Competency:**     **K2**   **Describe various water well components**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe various water well components.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe various water well components

**CONTENT**

- K-Packer
- Screen
- Liner
- Tail pipe
- Casing
- Drive shoe
- Sand/gravel point

**Line (GAC):**        **K**    **WATER WELL SYSTEMS**  
**Competency:**     **K3**   **Describe various in-well pump components**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe various in-well pump components.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe various in-well pump components

**CONTENT**

- Pump
- Pipe
- Electrical wire
- Sounding tube
- Safety line
- Pitless adaptor
- Torque arrestor
- Splices
- Pump shroud

**Line (GAC):**        **K**    **WATER WELL SYSTEMS**  
**Competency:**     **K4**   **Describe pump control systems and components**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to describe pump control systems and components.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe pump control systems and components

**CONTENT**

- Pressure tank
- Pressure switches
- Control boxes
- Control panel
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)
- Disconnects
- Motor protection devices
- Motor control devices
- Pressure relief



**Line (GAC):**        **K**    **WATER WELL SYSTEMS**  
**Competency:**     **K5**   **Use various methods and equipment for well head completion**

**Objectives**

To be competent in this area, the individual must be able to use various methods and equipment for well head completion.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Use various methods and equipment for well head completion

**CONTENT**

- Protection from vehicular damage
- Surface seals (Install and repair)
- Well cap/covers/seal (Install and repair)
- Surface set backs
- Electrical junction box
- Well tag/identification plates
- Stick up
- Pitless adaptor
- Venting

## Reference Materials

**For reference material and resources please contact BC Ground Water Association.**

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