

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 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.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program, refer to the Program Outline, available on the SkilledTradesBC website.

Pathways to Certification

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Well Pump Installer by challenging the certification. There is no Apprenticeship pathway for this trade. Apprenticeship programs are for individuals who have an employer to sponsor them and challenge programs are for individuals who have extensive experience working in the occupation and wish to challenge the certification.

Youth can begin an apprenticeship in high school through the Youth Train in Trades or Youth Work in Trades programs. The Youth Work in Trades program is available for any trade if an employer is willing to sponsor the student. Trades offered through the Youth Train in Trades vary by region; contact your local school district to find out which technical training programs are being offered through the Youth Train in Trades program in your region.

Recommended Education

The following education is **recommended** for challengers entering this occupation. These are not prerequisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 10 or equivalent including English 10, Math 10, and Science 10.
- Preferred level of education: Grade 12.

SkilledTradesBC Registration

Individuals who wish to challenge the Well Pump Installer certification must complete the Well Pump Installer Challenge Application and submit it to SkilledTradesBC. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the Challenge pathway.

Apprenticeship Pathway

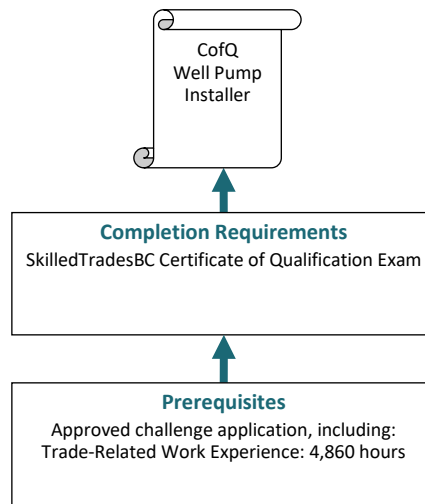
There is currently no apprenticeship pathway for the Well Pump Installer program.

Challenge Pathway

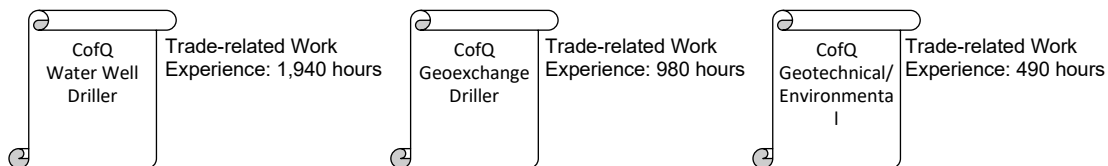
This graphic provides an overview of the Well Pump Installer challenge pathway.

Well Pump Installer

C of Q = Certificate of Qualification



CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING



Challenge Program Standards

Credentials Awarded

Well Pump Installer – Certificate of Qualification

SkilledTradesBC

Registration Prerequisites

An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- 4,860 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation

Credit for Prior Learning

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met, or partially met, the prerequisites for challenging this program:

Credential	Credit(s) Granted
Water Well Driller – Certificate of Qualification	▪ Work experience: 1,940 hours
Geoexchange Driller – Certificate of Qualification	▪ Work experience: 980 hours
Geotechnical/Environmental Driller – Certificate of Qualification	▪ Work experience: 490 hours

Completion Requirements

Certification as a Well Pump Installer is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
Well Pump Installer – SkilledTradesBC Certificate of Qualification Exam	▪ Minimum 70%

Supporting Documents

Well Pump Installer Program Outline (2014) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the SkilledTradesBC website.

Well Pump Installer Occupational Analysis Chart (2014) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills tested on the SkilledTradesBC Certification Exam. Available from the SkilledTradesBC website.

Contacts

SkilledTradesBC manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact SkilledTradesBC Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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BC Ground Water Association works with industry to identify current and emerging knowledge and skill requirements for occupations related to this program, explore training and certification options, and maintain this program.

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Revision History

The standards for this program were reviewed and/or updated on the dates below.

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Program Profiles are updated regularly. Visit www.skilledtradesbc.ca for the most current version.