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Provincial Scope Document

AUTOMATION AND CONTROL (Post Secondary)2026

Contest Length: 7 hrs

Check in time: 7:00

Orientation: 7:15

Contest Start: 7:30

Contest Sponsor: BCIT

Purpose of the Challenge:

Assess the contestant's skills and abilities associated with the installation, programming and troubleshooting of an industrial control system.

Skills & Knowledge to be Tested:

Throughout the contest, contestants can expect to be evaluated on one or more of the following areas:

- Interpreting and using basic electrical designs and diagrams to assemble a functional control system.
- Designing and commissioning a sequential process using a PLC device.
- Wall-mounting a panel with cables, cable tray and devices.
- Installing and commissioning terminal components (push buttons, limit switches, motors, etc.).
- Wiring a panel using standard trade practices, complying with relevant sections of the 26th edition, 2024, Canadian Electrical Code.
- Determining adequate protection for equipment and components.

Pre-requisites:

Contestants must demonstrate mastery of the following technical skills:

- Ability to effectively locate information in technical documents.
- Knowledge of PLC programming .
- Ability to design a PLC program based on specified criteria.
- Ability to install PLC inputs and outputs in a control panel.
- Ability to program a VFD program based on specified criteria
- Ability to install electrical cables, cable tray and pilot devices.
- Theoretical knowledge required to properly select protective devices (fuses, breakers and overloads).
- Knowledge of symbols used in an electrical diagram and a control diagram.
- Knowledge of proper installation practices for a control panel.
- Knowledge in fail-safe designing.
- Knowledge of safety practices.
- Effective troubleshooting techniques.
- Knowledge of the 26th edition, 2024, Canadian Electrical Code.

Equipment, Tools, Supplies, Clothing, Safety Equipment

The equipment and materials used during the contest are standard items commonly used in the electrical industry.

Contestants must have the following tools in their toolkits:

- Electrician's pliers
- Diagonal cutting pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Slip-joint gripping (water pump) pliers
- Set of screwdrivers (robertsons, Flat-head, small terminal, Phillip)
- Wire strippers
- Electrician's knife
- Spirit level (torpedo)
- Hack saw
- Hammer
- Metric Measuring tape ($\frac{3}{4}$ " x 8m tape measure or equal)
- Square
- Adjustable wrench
- Set of metal drill index
- Set of Allen keys (metric and SAE)
- 50-cm minimum length ruler
- Tool Pouch

PLC's will be provided for the competitor as follows:

- Compact logix PLC.
- The PLC will have the following:
- 16 x 120 volts AC inputs
- 16 x relay outputs
- 4 Analog inputs
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- Clean PLC technical documents/manuals
- Software with supplied computer and programing cable

VFD will be provided for the competitor as follows:

- Rockwell powerflex 525 VFD

Tools provided if necessary by the Provincial Technical Committee

- Computers with Windows
- Extension Cords
- Cordless drill and charger
- Ladder
- Multi-meter tester

Safety Requirements:

Contestants **must bring** CSA-approved safety gear (hard hat, boots, goggles, leather gloves). Safety equipment **must** be worn at the competition site. Contestants **must wear** the required safety gear and comply with occupational health and safety regulations in order to compete. Contestants' clothing **must be** neat and clean – torn clothing is not allowed. Contestants **will not** be allowed to compete without the proper safety equipment.

Marking Criteria:

POINT BREAKDOWN	TOTAL 1900
• Panel door	100 points
• External Panel Components and Wall mounting	150 points
• Internal Panel Components	200 points
• Wiring of Components	350 points
• Programming & Functionality	1000 points
• Safety practices	100 points

Technical Committee:

Clarence Burlock Technical Chair

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Gold medal winners at the BC Skills Competition may be eligible to compete in the 2026 National Skills Competition on May 28-May 29th Enercare Centre, Toronto, Ontario.

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