



# 2024 ABWRET-A Blended Course

## ABWRET –A Blended Course Overview

### What is ABWRET?

Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool –Actual is a standardized method for assessing the important natural functions of all types of wetlands present in Alberta. Use of this method is a requirement through the Government of Alberta's Wetland Policy where *Water Act* approval is sought and wetlands will be permanently impacted. A strong understanding of the ABWRET-A tool is required at three stages and sign-off points in the Alberta *Water Act* approval process:

- Wetland Assessment & Impact Report (WAIR) ,
- Restoration Design, and
- Wetland Restoration Verification.

### Course Format

This course has eight learning modules and consists of online, offline and interactive components, as follows:

- One to five online instruction elements per module (25 in total)
- One to five online quizzes per module
- Four offline activities
- One 2.5-hour online interactive class
- One final online exam

This course takes between 21 to 24 hours to complete. You have one year to complete and can start immediately upon registration. Interactive classes will be annually scheduled in Fall and Winter.

### Who should take this course?

- Authenticating professionals who intend to sign-off on WAIRs, wetland restoration plans, or verification reports
- Wetland science practitioners who, although not able to sign-off, can participate on wetland assessment teams and who want to provide a level of due diligence when using ABWRET
- Any practitioner who works with the Alberta Wetland Policy, the Alberta *Water Act*, or at any level of wetland assessment, removal, replacement, or reclamation who needs to understand how wetland value is determined

### Learning Objectives



- Understand the context for using ABWRET-A
- Understand the methods used to create ABWRET-A
- Understand the basic theory behind the four wetland function categories
- Understand ABWRET indicators and wetland functional models
- Understand how to submit and interpret ABWRET-A results

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**Course Fees:**

**\$400 (plus GST)**