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National Accreditation Board for Education & Training (NABET), QCI, gets Mandate for Operating ‘Accreditation Scheme for Ground Water Consultant Organization (GWCO)’ in the Country


The Gazette Notification S.O. 6140(E) dated 12th Dec 2018 by “Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation” and in exercise of powers conferred to Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) that regulates ground water development through various means including grant of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for abstraction of ground water mandates NABET, QCI for accreditation of Ground Water (GW) consultants. According to the notification only NABET accredited consultant shall prepare hydrogeological report required by regulatory bodies for obtaining NOC for user drawing/proposing to draw groundwater (GW) for Industries/Mining projects/Infrastructure projects/ abstraction of saline/contaminated groundwater. Artificial recharge and Rain Water Harvesting is also an integral part of the report. Hydrogeological report has been made mandatory by regulatory bodies, government departments and research & educational institutions to assess the situation of ground water availability in the area.

NABET is developing the Accreditation Scheme with inputs from various stakeholders including experts, regulatory agencies, consultants, professionals etc., which will be published on QCI as well as CGWA website.

The Scheme for Accreditation of GWCO provides following advantages to accredited consultants –

a) A readily available list of accredited GW consultants on QCI-NABET and CGWB websites, which will be an important database for prospective clients and stakeholders.
b) Use of the QCI-NABET logo, a mark of quality in stationery, to improve the brand image of the organization.
c) Recognition in the international arena as the QCI-NABET is a member of International Accreditation Forum (IAF).
d) Third party assessment will help improve the competency, capability, credibility, system oriented approach, continual improvement, quality, visibility, acceptability, sustainability in operations etc.
e) An efficient and fast processing of complete cases for issuance of NOC / regulatory directions of CGWA/SGWA.