



Changes to PTTW Regulations

What you should know.

When Did the Changes Take Effect? On March 29, 2016 the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) officially put into the place the regulatory changes.

What are the Changes? Two types of changes:

1. Exemptions.

- You DO NOT need a PTTW for:
 - Surface water diversions for wetland restoration and conservation projects
 - Weirs, or similar structures, constructed for conservation or public benefit purposes (Note: does not include hydro-electric sites)
 - Surface water diversions around construction sites partially or wholly within a watercourse:
 - a. Flowing water being diverted around an excavation within a waterbody by temporary dam(s)
 - b. Water pumped from the watercourse and returned to the same watercourse

2. **New** EASR Process.

What is EASR? The Environmental Activity and Sector Registry is implemented through MOECC and requires people to register certain activities with the Ministry “that meet operating requirements set out in the regulation rather than seek an approval through an application submission and review process.”

Self-registration approvals process applies to short term, non-recurring construction related water takings.

What activities fall under EASR? Two types of activities fall under EASR:

A. **Construction Related Activities:**

Small takings from large waterbodies for temporary, short term construction related activities such as:

- Dust suppression and compaction
- Hydraulic seeding
- Landscaping
- Cleaning and on-site preparation of materials

B. **Construction Dewatering Activities:**

Construction dewatering <400,000 L/day

- **EASR is good for 1 year instead of previous 30 days (Category 2 PTTW)**

Registering for EASR is a multi-stage process:

1. Register your company

What you need to register your company:

- ONE-Key ID
- ONE-Source Business Profile
- Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Account
- Postal Code or Address
- Site Latitude and Longitude

2. Delegate a Qualified Professional (QP) to file EASR for your water taking.

For step by step guide visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/how-register-environmental-activity-and-sector-registry-easr>

IMPORTANT:

Only a Qualified Professional (QP) can submit a project on EASR.

QP For Groundwater Takings: P.Geo or P.Eng

QP For Surface Water Takings: A person with a Bachelor’s degree with specialization in Hydrology, Aquatic Ecology, Limnology, Biology, Physical Geography, Water Resource Management/Engineering

The new rule changes DOES NOT exempt you from complying with other jurisdictions and regulations (Conservation Authorities, DFO, MNRF)