



# 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

**Registering for EASR is a multi-stage process:**

#### 1. Register your company by creating the following accounts:

- ONE-Key Account
- Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Client Account (CAM)

#### 2. Delegate a Qualified Professional (QP) to determine whether your water taking is eligible for an EASR.

For step by step guide visit:

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

### 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.

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 >50,000 to <400,000 L/day

- **EASR does not expire – valid for the lifetime of the project**

\*\*If taking >400,000 L/day you require a PTTW

**IMPORTANT:**

**Only a Qualified Professional (QP) can determine if your water taking is eligible for an 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)



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