

Newsletter for Qualified Persons



Qualified Persons webpage

The QP webpage can be found at: <https://www.wsask.ca/water-programs/agricultural-water-management-drainage-approvals/qualified-persons/qualified-person-resources/>

Or – simply click the globe image at the left. Note: This webpage is password protected, to ensure that only QPs can access this information. If you've forgotten the password, please reach out to Heather Davies (heather.davies@wsask.ca) and she will provide it to you.



We would like to draw your attention to...



I. CWRA's Working Landscapes Workshop on October 26, 2022, between 9:30am-4:15pm

The Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA) is hosting a Working Landscapes Workshop, a one-day in-person event, which is focused on sharing new science in drainage management between producers and industry practitioners and the academic research community. The emphasis of this workshop is on current water management techniques in Saskatchewan, landscape responses and drainage economics.

We encourage you to consider attending this workshop.

This workshop is on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, between 9:30 am to 4:15 pm, at Discovery Farm Langham, Home of the Ag in Motion Tradeshow. Please click on the following link to register: Cost is \$100.

<https://cwra.org/en/october-26-930-am-400-pm-sk-time-sk-branch-working-landscapes-2022-agricultural-water-management-technical-workshop/>.

II. WSA's Demonstration and Research Projects

(<https://www.wsask.ca/agricultural-water-management-research-demonstration-projects/>)

WSA is working with 10 different organizations on 11 demonstration projects. These demo projects have been initiated to test and demonstrate the utility of innovative water management solutions that have the potential to enhance the profitability of farmers and ranchers, while protecting the environment and local infrastructure. All 11 projects are incorporating the best tools, techniques and management practices of the agricultural industry and continuing to address the needs of the entire province.

III. [WSA's Agricultural Water Management Mitigation Policy Engagement Process](#)

The Water Security Agency (WSA) is in the process of developing a made-in-Saskatchewan Agricultural Water Management Mitigation Policy. This policy will contribute to managing for four key agri-environmental priorities: flood mitigation, drought response and adaptation; water quality; wetland habitat; and soil health and greenhouse gas management. To inform development of the policy, WSA has launched a comprehensive and on-going engagement process with a broad range of organizations and Indigenous communities until July 2023. This is to ensure that the policy reflects the interests, values, and needs of the people in Saskatchewan.

To learn more about WSA's approach to Agricultural Water Management, please click on the following link:

- [A Made-In-Saskatchewan Approach to Agricultural Water Management](https://www.wsask.ca/7147-2/)
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IV. [Please be sure to use the most recent copy of WSA's Drainage Application](#)

When you start a new application, please go to the [Qualified Persons Resources webpage](#) and download the most recent *WSA Application and Approval for Drainage Works* form, which can be found in the "Forms for QPs" section of the *QP Resources webpage*. Updates may have been made to the form since the last application you worked on.



V. Please collect only one signature on each of the signature pages of the Drainage Application

Due to the personal nature of the information collected in the signature pages, the newest version of the *Application and Approval for Drainage Works* provides each-and-every individual, corporation, and/or local government with their own signature page. To add a new, full page for each signature, simply double click the small Microsoft Word icon at the bottom left field in any of the specified signature blocks and follow the instructions to insert the next signature page.

Provincial Drainage Number: _____

This application must be signed by all of the applicants listed in section 3.1.



Individual Signature Page for Application for Drainage Approval

I/We certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate.

I/We acknowledge and accept that I/We are required to reimburse Water Security Agency for the cost to register notices and/or certificates with ISC.

I/We acknowledge any information submitted in support of this application will be subject to disclosure under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Regulations. If supporting information contains a confidentiality provision, the Applicant must provide a letter from the author of the information acknowledging the information is being provided to WSA and authorizing it to be made public.

I/We understand that by signing this Application that I/We are confirming that some portion of the drainage works may be constructed on our land and will remain on our land for the term of the approval and will bind any future owner of our land.

This application may be signed in counterpart and the counterpart documents will form one application. Submission of applications by electronic means will be accepted and WSA will rely on those documents as original applications.

By signing this application form you consent to the use of the information disclosed for the purpose of obtaining a drainage approval and ongoing program improvement including conducting client satisfaction surveys.

_____ All Variations of Applicant's Name as on Title	_____ Applicant's Signature	
Contact Information:		
_____ Mailing Address		
_____ City	_____ Province	_____ Postal Code
_____ Email Address (preferred method of communication)		_____ Phone Number
Dated at _____, this _____ Day of _____, 20____ (City/Town) (Province/State) (Month)		
To manually enter additional individual signature blocks into this Section, select the information on this page up until the end of the signature block and paste it at the bottom of this table.		
 Indiv_sigs.docx	To use mail merge to automate word to enter individual names into this Section double click on the Word icon to the left. The attached Word template can be used in a mail to automatically enter individual names. Once you have completed the mail merge, you will want to copy and paste the results of the mail merge to the bottom of this section.	

VI. Qualified Persons Webinars

WSA will be hosting our very first Qualified Persons' Agricultural Water Management Webinar on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 11am. I will be sending out a calendar invite early next week. It is WSA's plan to host monthly Qualified Persons Webinars to provide QPs with:

- updates about the D2 Operating procedure,
- information about tools that you might find useful,
- QP training opportunities, and
- answers to commonly encountered issues or questions that QPs have.

VII. Products Portal - (<https://products.wsask.ca/>)

When entering information into the Products Portal:

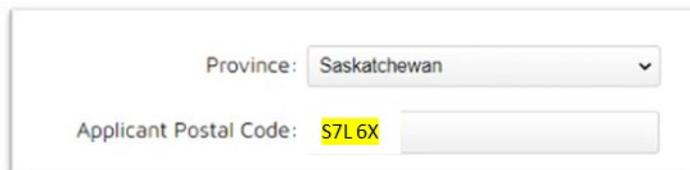
- Please enter either your's or your company's contact information into the Primary Contact section and enter your Client's contact information in the Secondary Contact section.
- Please ensure that when you are entering postal codes into the contact information that you type all postal codes without spaces, e.g., S7L6X6. The Products Portal does not allow for a space when entering postal codes. So, if you add a space between the third and fourth digits, the last digit of the postal code will be missing, e.g., S7L 6X.

Correct postal code entry:



A screenshot of a web form. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Province:" with "Saskatchewan" selected. Below it is a text input field labeled "Applicant Postal Code:" containing the text "S7L6X6". The text "S7L6X6" is highlighted in yellow.

Incorrect postal code entry:



A screenshot of a web form. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Province:" with "Saskatchewan" selected. Below it is a text input field labeled "Applicant Postal Code:" containing the text "S7L 6X". The text "S7L 6X" is highlighted in yellow.

We were wondering, if you could please take a minute to sign-in to the Products Portal to ensure that the postal code associated with your profile is correct.

VIII. Governance Requirements for Active QPs

WSA has been implementing qualified persons training since the spring of 2017. As part of WSA's Qualified Persons governance structure it is a requirement that:

- All people who are acting as QPs must either be a Self-Designated or an Accredited QP.
- By September 30, 2023, all active QPs working in the following QP Areas of Practice must have the following training:
 - QPs working in the Communication, Administration, Project Management, and/or Project Development area(s) of practice must have taken:
 - 1) the newly designed Introductory Qualified Persons Training Course, that has been offered by Southeast College Since February 1st, 2021, and
 - 2) the online Art of Influential Communication course.
 - QPs working in Basic Technical, Intermediate Technical, and/or Engineering Design area(s) of practice must have taken:
 - 1) the newly designed Introductory Qualified Persons Training Course, that has been offered by Southeast College since February 1st, 2021,
 - 2) the online Art of Influential Communication course,
 - 3) the ADAM Mapping course, and
 - 4) the Point of Adequate Outlet course.

If you are unsure of your QP status or QP training course dates, please contact Heather Davies (heather.davies@wsask.ca) and she can provide you with that information.



Upcoming Courses



Southeast College – QP Training

<https://www.southeastcollege.org/courses/introductory-qualified-persons-training/>

Introductory Qualified Persons Training Course

The dates that the Intro QP Training course is offered this fall are during the weeks of:

- October 4 – October 13, 2022 (mornings)
- November 8 – November 17, 2022 (mornings)

Please register for this course on Southeast College's webpage:

<https://www.southeastcollege.org/courses/introductory-qualified-persons-training/>

The Art of Influential Communication Course

This course is 100 per cent online and allows you to learn on your own schedule.

Please register for this course on Southeast College's webpage:

<https://www.southeastcollege.org/courses/the-art-of-influential-communication/>

Water Security Agency – QP Training

<https://www.wsask.ca/water-programs/agricultural-water-management-drainage-approvals/qualified-persons/introductory-qualified-persons-qp-training-course/>



ADAM Mapping Course

The dates that the ADAM course is offered this fall are during the weeks of:

- November 22 & 23, 2022 (mornings)



Point of Adequate Outlet Course

The last offering of the Point of Adequate Outlet course for the fall of 2022 is during the week of:

- October 4, 5, & 6, 2022 (note: the first two sessions are online between 1:30pm and 3pm and the Oct. 6th session is a field day (9:00am-3pm) in the Moose Jaw area).

Please contact Heather.Davies@wsask.ca to register for either/or both courses.



AgH2Onward Workshops

AgH2Onward is a free two-day online workshop (approx. two hours per day). The workshop will introduce innovative agricultural water management solutions that will strengthen farm and ranch operations. These workshops are geared to agriculture producers, RM Administrators, C & D Boards, and other stakeholders. Please join us for this free online workshop and increase your knowledge about implementing adaptive agricultural water management practices in Saskatchewan. To register for this course please go to the AgH2Onward website: <https://www.agh2onward.ca/>



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Feedback

We strive to provide you with the information you need to know as a QP to work with agriculture producers to bring their drainage works into compliance. Your feedback is an integral part of the improvement process, which is why we would be grateful if you could fill out this short [survey](#). The survey is expected to take no more than five minutes to answer. We really appreciate you taking the time to share your feedback. Please [click here](#) to get started.



You're receiving this newsletter because you are either an active QP or you have taken the Introductory Qualified Persons Training Course during the past 18 months. If you would like to unsubscribe from:

- this newsletter, [please click here](#); or
- all emails about the Qualified Persons Program, [please click here](#).