

Newsletter for Qualified Persons



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Qualified Persons Resources webpage

For all the up-to-date Agricultural Water Management forms and procedures and links to previous QP Newsletters and webinar recording please go to the [WSA's Qualified Resources Persons Webpage](#). Remember: 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.



Updates and Revisions

WSA’s Approval to Construct and Operate Drainage Works on the Online Products Portal will be discontinued



The Approval to Construct and Operate Drainage Works on the Water Security Agency’s Online Products Portal will be discontinued as of June 15, 2023

- After June 15th, QPs will need to obtain the Provincial Drainage Number from the WSA Approvals Technologist they are working with on the drainage project.
- QPs will submit the Network Boundary Shapefile to their WSA Approvals Technologist, and the Technologist will obtain the Provincial Drainage Number from WSA’s Senior Geomatics Technician.

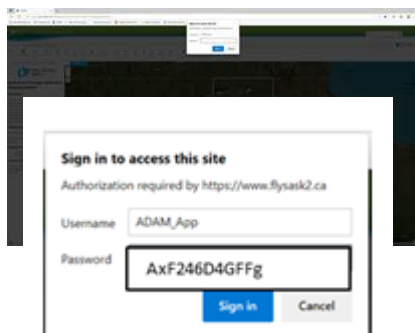
Drainage Works Application and Approval Form

Improvements to the Drainage Application – please download and use the most recent version of the [Drainage Works Application and Approval Form](#), which can be found in the **Forms for QPs section of the [WSA’s Qualified Persons Webpage](#).**

Updates include:

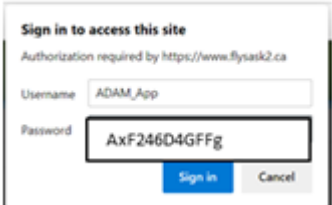

- **We added some additional text to Section 5 (Declaration of QP) of the Drainage Application.** The additional text is to remind QPs that they should be signing Section 5 after they have collected all the required signatures, land control documents, sanctions, etc. on the WSA reviewed application.
- **We revised the names in the Manager pull down menu on the ATC/ATO, and AHPP.** WSA’s Nipawin office has a new Approvals North Manager. Andre Bishko has retired, and the new Approvals North Manager, is Sheldon Ofukany.


ADAM




Improvements to ADAM - FlySask Imagery is now available to sign in to on ADAM


- ADAM has new FlySask imagery. This imagery consists of significant coverage of 30 cm imagery from 2022, as well as some additional coverage from 2021 and earlier that was missing from our collection. We’ve also added the “Pictometry” imagery, which is very high-resolution imagery coverage for cities. All the FlySask imagery is now being streamed directly from the hosting company, so new imagery will be viewable as soon as it’s published, on an ongoing basis.


<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ADAM</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sign in to the imagery: after you Logon to ADAM, a new “Sign in to access this site” pop-up window will appear at the top of the screen (see screen shots to the right of this column). So, please use the following Username and Password to sign in to FlySask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Username: ADAM_App ○ Password: AxF246D4GFFg • Once you’ve signed in, the imagery can then be turned-on by clicking on the “+” sign beside the “FlySask2 Images” layer grouping in the Layers tab (as shown in the second screen capture below), then checking-on the imagery you would like to view. The “FlySask2 Ortho Images” is a mosaic of the most recent imagery for any given area. There are also individual layers for specific imagery epochs if you would like to view older imagery that is overwritten in the mosaic of most recent imagery. <p>If you ever have problems with your ADAM account or the ADAM app isn’t working properly, please reach out to your WSA Tech</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">New “Wetland and Drainage Calculator” Spreadsheet</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wetland and Drainage Calculator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of WSA’s Approvals Technologists created an Excel spreadsheet, called the “Wetland and Drainage Calculator”. • This spreadsheet has automated the calculation of wetland drainage by wetland type. • You will want to use this spreadsheet when you are filling in the Extent of Surface Drainage on the Risk Framework Worksheet and/or Section 4.1 of the Drainage Application and Approval Form. <p>You can find a copy of this spreadsheet, and a PDF of how to use it, in the Forms section of the Qualified Persons Resources Webpage.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">QP Webinars</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Previous Webinars</u></p>	<p>We have now hosted eight QP Webinars. To watch a recording of any of our previously recorded QP Webinars please go to the QP Webinars webpage.</p>






<p>Most Recent QP Webinar</p>	<p>On May 23, 2023, 11am-11:30am, Etienne Shupena-Soulodre, Agri-Environmental Project Manager with Water Security Agency, presented on Point of Adequate Outlet Update – Key plant indicators.</p> <p>If you couldn't attend the May 23rd QP webinar, no worries, it was record and a link is now posted on the QP Webinars webpage.</p>
<p>Next QP Webinar</p>	<p>The next QP Webinar will be on Monday, September 21, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are taking a break from delivering QP webinars over the summer months when people will be taking holidays.
	<p>Upcoming Courses/ Workshops</p>

	<p><u>Water Security Agency – QP Training</u></p> <p>ADAM Mapping Course – This course is designed to ensure QPs know and use WSA's mapping protocol, procedures and app when completing drainage applications.</p> <p>The dates that the next ADAM course is being offered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 20 and 22 (9am -12 pm) The next offering for this course after the June course will be in September 2023. <p>We now have the dates that we are offering the Point of Adequate Outlet Course!</p> <p>Point of Adequate Outlet Course - The purpose of this course is to provide participants with an understanding of key technical concepts required to determine the Point of Adequate Outlet.</p> <p>The dates that the Point of Adequate Outlet (PAO) course is being offered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 1, 2023 – one day in-person PAO refresher course in Cut Knife, SK (intended for people who have taken the PAO course before). May 31, June 2, and June 8, 2023 – June 8th is the in-person field day near Cut Knife, SK June 29, June 30, and July 6, 2023 – July 6th is the in-person field day near Moose Jaw, SK August 4, 2023, and August 10, 2023 – Aug. 10th is the in-person field day near Nipawin, SK
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 15, 2023, and Sept. 21, 2023 – Sept. 1st is the in-person field day near Yorkton, SK <p>Go to https://www.wsask.ca/water-programs/agricultural-water-management-drainage-approvals/qualified-persons/introductory-qualified-persons-qp-training-course/ to learn more...</p> <p>Please contact Heather.Davies@wsask.ca to register for either/or both of these courses.</p>
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	<p><u>AgH2Onward</u></p> <p>We are continuing to deliver our online AgH2Onward workshops that we recommend QPs take. These workshops remind QPs about and introduce farmers, ranchers, RM Administrators, and C&D and Watershed Board members to Saskatchewan's Agricultural Water Management Strategy, the process and benefits of drainage approvals, and techniques to best manage water on their land. Attendees will learn the benefits of working with neighbouring landowners in network projects and using a qualified person to lead the process. So, please consider taking in a session, it will be worth your time. The next online workshop dates include:</p> <p>Please go to the AgH2Onward webpage to register.</p>
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	<p><u>Southeast College – QP Training</u></p> <p>Introductory Qualified Persons Training Course - This course offers the introductory concepts that are important to ensure QPs have the appropriate skills and knowledge necessary to assist in the continued growth and resiliency of the agricultural sector.</p> <p>The dates that the Intro QP Training course is offered this winter/spring are during the weeks of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 6 – 15, 2023 We will be taking a break from offering the Intro QP Training course in the summer of 2023 We will be offering the Intro QP Training course again in the fall of 2023 – dates yet to be determined. <p>Please click on this Link to register for the Intro QP Training course.</p> <p><u>The Art of Influential Communication Course</u> – This course is designed to help QPs gain the skills they need to communicate more effectively with agricultural producers.</p>
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	<p>This course is 100 per cent online and allows you to learn on your own schedule.</p> <p>Please click on this Link to register for this communication course.</p>
	<p>Follow us on Twitter!</p> <p>Please click on the Twitter icon to go to the Water Security Agency’s Twitter account.</p>
	<p>Watch our videos on YouTube</p> <p>Please click on the YouTube icon to go to the Water Security Agency’s YouTube Channel.</p>
	<p>Connect with us on Facebook</p> <p>Please click on the Facebook icon to go to the Water Security Agency’s Facebook Page</p>
	<p>Feedback</p> <p>We strive to provide you with the information you need to know as a QP to work with agricultural producers, C&Ds, Watershed Associations, and Rural Municipalities 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.</p>
	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this newsletter, please click here; or • all emails about the Qualified Persons Program, please click here.