

Selecting a Qualified Person for a Water System Assessment

Where a qualified person assessment of a water system must be completed, the water system owner must engage the services of a Qualified Person, who is not an employee of the water system, to complete the assessment in accordance with a detailed checklist provided by the Office of Drinking Water.

Selecting and hiring a qualified water system assessor is the responsibility of the water system owner. The owner is advised to confirm that a person offering services to conduct a qualified person assessment can demonstrate that they possess at least one of the following qualifications:

- Registration as a Professional Engineer (P.Eng.), Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.), Engineering or Geoscience Licensee (Eng.L or Geo.L), or Engineer-in-Training or Geoscientist-in-Training (EIT or GIT) with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba with appropriate experience in the drinking water field.
- Registration as a Certified Engineering Technician or Technologist (C.Tech. or C.E.T.) with the Certified Technicians and Technologists Association of Manitoba with appropriate experience in the drinking water field.
- Certification and several years experience as a Water Treatment Facility Operator at a minimum of Level II, or satisfactory level certified for the system being inspected.*
- Red Seal Plumber (certified) with applicable experience for the system being inspected.*
- Certification with the Canadian Water Quality Association (CWQA) or Water Quality Association (WQA) with experience designing, installing, and maintaining drinking water systems.
- Employment as a drinking water specialist with a water treatment equipment supply company with several years experience designing, installing, and maintaining drinking water systems.
- * Contact the Approvals Unit for more information prior to inspection.

The owner should ensure that any person engaged to conduct an assessment is familiar with the following:

1. The Drinking Water Safety Act, The Drinking Water Safety Regulation, and The Drinking Water Quality Standards Regulation.
2. Office of Drinking Water's assessment process and assessment checklists.
3. Requirements for operating and maintaining a water system in Manitoba.
4. The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality issued by Health Canada.

Information on the water system assessment process, including qualified person checklists, is available on the Office of Drinking Water website.