

# Steps to Become a Limited System Operator

## Operator Certification Requirements for Small Drinking Water Systems

### Operator Certification Requirements:

Ontario Regulations 170/03 and 128/04 require that persons operating the following types of drinking water systems be a certified drinking water system operator:

- large municipal residential systems;
- small municipal residential systems (surface water)
- small municipal residential systems (groundwater)
- non-municipal year-round residential system;
- designated facility serving a large non-municipal non-residential system
- designated facility serving a large municipal non-residential system

Operators of the first two categories of systems (see above list) must hold the applicable Class 1- 4 drinking water system certificate. Operators of the remaining system categories may hold the applicable Class 1- 4 drinking water system certificate or a Limited System certificate. A Limited System certificate is specifically targeted for the operating requirements of small drinking water systems.

### Types of Limited System Certificates:

There are two types of Limited System Certificates:

- Limited Surface Water Certificates; and
- Limited Groundwater Certificates

If your drinking water source is considered to be surface water (or under the influence of surface water), the Limited Surface Water Certificate is required. If your drinking water source is considered to be groundwater, either the Limited Surface Water or Limited Groundwater Certificates may be used. In addition, a person holding a Water Treatment Certificate (Classes 1- 4) may operate both Limited System surface and groundwater systems. A person holding a Water Distribution and Supply Certificate (Class 1- 4) may also operate a Limited System groundwater system.

