

Activities Permitted at Test Holes and Dewatering Wells by Well Technician Class

Adapted from Chapter 4, **Table 4-1** of "Test Holes and Dewatering Wells - Requirements & Best Management Practices", Prov. Ont PIBs #9647e (April 2014)

Activity	Class 1 & 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Inspect the well (i.e., video camera), without leaving equipment unattended at the well	No license of any class is required		<u>Extra Powers:</u> Class 4 & 5 technicians may leave equipment unattended during inspection	
Install equipment to monitor, sample or test a well, making only extremely minor alterations to the well (remove a cap, notch the casing)	No license of any class is required. Equipment to assist in determining aquifer yield (i.e., used during a pump test) is not exempted.		<u>Extra Powers:</u> Best Management Practices guidance suggests that Class 4 & 5 technicians may undertake yield tests	
Monitor, sample or test the well using self-installed equipment without leaving it unattended, or by using previously installed equipment	No license of any class is required. Testing to determine aquifer yield (a pump test) is not exempted.		<u>Extra Powers:</u> Best Management Practices guidance suggests that Class 4 & 5 technicians may leave self-installed equipment unattended and undertake yield tests.	
Construction/abandonment of a well by a land owner, family member or owner's unpaid worker	No license of any class is required			
Install a pump for monitoring, sampling or testing	✘	✘	✔ <u>Extra Powers:</u> Class 4 techs may install a pump for any additional purpose	✔
Construct a well	✔ <u>Limit on Class 1 techs:</u> May only construct by drilling or non-powered equipment <u>Limit on Class 2 techs:</u> May only construct by digging or boring (augering) or non-powered equipment	✔ <u>Limit on Class 3 techs:</u> May only construct using methods or equipment specified by their license	✘	✔ <u>Limit on Class 5 techs:</u> May only construct using non-powered equipment
Abandon a well	✔ <u>Class 1 techs:</u> May abandon all wells <u>Limit on Class 2 techs:</u> May only abandon wells made by digging, boring or non-powered equipment	✔ <u>Limit on Class 3 techs:</u> May only abandon using methods or equipment specified by their license	✘	✔ <u>Limit on Class 5 techs:</u> May only abandon using non-powered equipment

(1) This is not legal guidance. Instead, rely on Ont. Reg. 903, the Best Management Practices document and the Technical Bulletin titled "Exempted Activities Performed on Wells".

(2) This table does not apply to wells that meet the regulatory definition of a shallow works test hole or dewatering well.

(3) A P.Geo. or P.Eng. or CET may carry out the activities of a Class 5 Well Technician if they are employed by a licensed well contractor or hold a well contractor license themselves.