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Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 17 July 2009]

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 November 2003.

3 Definitions

The dictionary in schedule 5 defines particular words used in this regulation.

Part 2 Licences and equivalence

4 Licence required for performing regulated and minor work

A person may perform regulated work or minor work only if the person has a licence to perform the work.¹

¹ See sections 35 (Work that may be performed under licences) and 119 (Offences by persons not holding appropriate licence) of the Act.

5 Qualifications and practical experience for plumbers and drainers licences—Act, s 37(a)

- (1) For section 37(a) of the Act, the qualifications and practical experience required for a plumbers licence and for a drainers licence are stated in schedule 1.
- (2) The qualifications and practical experience prescribed for a licence mentioned in schedule 1 apply for a licence that is issued for work that is within the scope of work stated in schedule 1, column 4, for the licence.

6 Qualifications and practical experience for restricted licences—Act, s 37(a)

- (1) For section 37(a) of the Act, the qualifications and practical experience required for particular types of restricted licences are stated in schedule 2.
- (2) The scope of work for a particular type of restricted licence is the scope of work stated for the type of restricted licence in schedule 2, column 4.

7 Endorsements on licences

- (1) For section 37(a) of the Act, the qualifications and practical experience required for particular endorsements on plumbers licences or drainers licences are stated in schedule 3.
- (2) The scope of work for a particular endorsement is the scope of work stated for the endorsement in schedule 3, column 4.

8 Duration of endorsement

An endorsement on a plumbers licence or drainers licence remains in force for the period stated in the licence but for no longer than the licence itself remains in force.

9 Referral to registered training organisation

- (1) This section applies, for section 37 of the Act, if—

- (a) a person applies, or indicates to the board that the person proposes to apply, to the board under section 36 of the Act for a licence; and
 - (b) it is, or will be, necessary for deciding the application for the board to be satisfied a qualification held by the person (the *alternative qualification*) is at least equivalent to a qualification mentioned in schedule 1, column 2, item 1(a) or (b) or item 2(a) or (b).
- (2) The board may refer the person to a registered training organisation if the board is satisfied the only practicable way to obtain the necessary information for deciding on the equivalence of the alternative qualification is for the applicant's actual competencies to be assessed.
- (3) If the person is referred, and applies, to a registered training organisation, the board must take all reasonable steps to ensure the registered training organisation, as soon as practicable after receiving the referral—
- (a) carries out its assessment of the person's competencies; and
 - (b) advises the board of the results of its assessment.
- (4) The person must comply with any reasonable requirement of the registered training organisation for its assessment of the person's competencies.

Part 3 Miscellaneous

10 Fees

The fees in schedule 4 are payable to the board for the matters stated in the schedule.

Schedule 1 **Qualifications, practical experience and scope of work for plumbers and drainers licences**

section 5

| Licence | Qualifications | Practical experience | Scope of work |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
| 1 Plumbers licence | (a) the competencies in the plumbing and draining apprenticeship for a plumbers licence and relevant post-trade courses approved by the board; or (b) a certificate of competency in plumbing; or (c) a foreign licence as a plumber; or (d) a qualification at least equivalent to the qualification mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) | (a) at least 1 year's practical plumbing experience after successful completion of the plumbing and draining apprenticeship; or (b) practical experience at least equivalent to the practical experience mentioned in paragraph (a) | plumbing work, other than plumbing work for which an endorsement on a plumbers licence is required to perform the work |

Schedule 1 (continued)

| Licence | Qualifications | Practical experience | Scope of work |
|--------------------|--|--|---|
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
| 2 Drainers licence | (a) the competencies in the plumbing and draining apprenticeship for a drainers licence and relevant post-trade courses approved by the board; or (b) a certificate of competency in draining; or (c) a foreign licence as a drainer; or (d) a qualification at least equivalent to the qualification mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) | (a) at least 1 year's practical draining experience; or (b) practical experience at least equivalent to the practical experience mentioned in paragraph (a) | drainage work below ground level, other than drainage work for which an endorsement on a drainers licence is required to perform the work |

Schedule 2 Qualifications, practical experience and scope of work for restricted licences

section 6

| Restricted licence | Qualifications | Practical experience | Scope of work |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
| 1 Water plumber— gas | (a) hold, under the <i>Gas (Residual Provisions) Act 1965</i> , a licence as a gas installer or a gas installer (advanced); and (b) either— (i) successful completion of a course approved by the board; or (ii) a qualification at least equivalent to the qualification mentioned in subparagraph (i) | no prescribed practical experience | disconnect and connect water plumbing associated with replacing a gas hot water heater |

Schedule 2 (continued)

| Restricted licence | Qualifications | Practical experience | Scope of work |
|---|---|---|--|
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
| 2 Water plumber—electrical | (a) hold, under the <i>Electrical Safety Act 2002</i> , an electrical mechanic licence or an electrical fitter licence; and (b) either— (i) completion of a course approved by the board; or (ii) a qualification at least equivalent to the qualification mentioned in subparagraph (i) | no prescribed practical experience | disconnect and connect water plumbing associated with replacing an electric hot water heater |
| 3 Water plumber—irrigation | successful completion of a course approved by the board | practical experience for each of the competencies in a course approved by the board | water plumbing work restricted to irrigation |
| 4 Water plumber—fire protection (hydrants and hose reels) | (a) relevant competencies in the plumbing and drainage apprenticeship; or (b) the competencies in an apprenticeship in fire protection; or (c) successful completion of a trade test approved by the board | (a) if successfully completed a trade test approved by the board—at least 6 years practical experience in the work before 1 July 2002; or (b) otherwise—no prescribed practical experience | water plumbing work that is installing, maintaining and testing fire hydrants and hose reels |

Schedule 2 (continued)

| Restricted licence | Qualifications | Practical experience | Scope of work |
|---|--|--|--|
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
| 5 Water plumber—fire protection (commercial and industrial) | (a) the competencies in an apprenticeship in fire protection; or (b) successful completion of trade test approved by the board | (a) if successfully completed the apprenticeship in fire protection—no prescribed practical experience; or (b) otherwise—at least 6 years practical experience in the work before 1 July 2002 | water plumbing work that is installing, maintaining and testing commercial and industrial fire sprinkler systems |
| 6 Water plumber—fire protection (domestic and residential) | (a) a restricted licence for a— (i) water plumber—fire protection (hydrants and hose reels); or (ii) water plumber—fire protection (commercial and industrial); and (b) successful completion of course approved by the board | no prescribed practical experience | water plumbing work that is installing, maintaining and testing domestic and residential fire sprinkler systems |
| 7 Drainer—on-site sewerage facility | successful completion of a course approved by the board | at least 6 months practical experience in the work | maintaining on-site sewerage facilities |

Schedule 3 **Qualifications, practical experience and scope of work for endorsements**

section 7

| Endorsement | Qualifications | Practical experience | Scope of work |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
| 1 Backflow prevention (endorsement on a plumbers licence) | (a) if the licence is not currently endorsed for backflow prevention—successful completion of a course approved by the board; and (b) if the licence is currently endorsed for backflow prevention—successful completion, before the end of each 5 years after the licence was first endorsed, of a test approved by the board for the relevant competencies | no prescribed practical experience | commission, test and maintain backflow prevention devices |
| 2 Thermostatic mixing valve (endorsement on a plumbers licence) | successful completion of a course approved by the board | no prescribed practical experience | commission, test and maintain thermostatic mixing valves |
| 3 On-site sewerage facility installation and maintenance (endorsement on a drainers licence) | successful completion of a course approved by the board | no prescribed practical experience | install and maintain on-site sewerage facilities |

Schedule 3 (continued)

| Endorsement | Qualifications | Practical experience | Scope of work |
|---|---|---|---|
| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
| 4 Fire protection—commercial and industrial (endorsement on a plumbers licence) | (a) successful completion of a plumbing and draining apprenticeship and successful completion of a course approved by the board; or (b) successful completion of a trade test approved by the board; or (c) the competencies in an apprenticeship for fire protection | (a) if the qualification on which the person relies is the successful completion of a trade test approved by the board—at least 6 years practical experience in the work before 1 July 2002; or (b) otherwise—no prescribed practical experience | install, maintain and test commercial and industrial fire sprinkler systems |
| 5 Fire protection—domestic and residential (endorsement on a plumbers licence) | successful completion of a course approved by the board | no prescribed practical experience | install, maintain and test domestic and residential fire sprinkler systems |

Schedule 4 Fees

section 10

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| 1 Application— | |
| (a) for a plumbers licence or drainers licence (Act, s 36) | 103.00 |
| (b) for a provisional licence (Act, s 36) | 48.00 |
| (c) for a restricted licence (Act, s 36) | 65.00 |
| (d) for an endorsement on a licence (Act, s 37(a), and s 7) | 12.00 |
| (e) to renew a licence, for each year of renewal (Act, s 48(2)) | 55.00 |
| (f) to renew a retired person’s licence, for each year of renewal (Act, s 48(3)) | 16.00 |
| (g) to restore a licence (Act, s 52) | 55.00 |
| (h) for a review of licence conditions (Act, s 55(3)(b)) | 48.00 |
| (i) to replace a licence (Act, s 73) | 21.00 |
| (j) for a qualification to be assessed for equivalence (s 9) | 21.00 |
| 2 Cost of processing an application for a licence (Act, s 42(3)). | 50.00 |
| 3 Certified copy of a licence (Act, s 74) | 21.00 |

Schedule 5 Dictionary

section 3

apprenticeship see the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*.

certificate of competency, for plumbing or drainage, means a certificate in plumbing or drainage that is in force and recognised under the Australia-New Zealand Reciprocity Association Agreement.

competencies, for a particular licence or endorsement, means the competencies decided by a registered training organisation, and approved by the council, for the licence or endorsement.

council means the Training and Employment Recognition Council established under the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*.

foreign licence means a licence issued by a foreign licensing authority that is in force and recognised under the Australia-New Zealand Reciprocity Association Agreement.

plumbing and draining apprenticeship means employment based training in plumbing and draining that is declared by the council to be an apprenticeship under the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*.

registered training organisation see the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*.

Endnotes

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2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 17 July 2009. Future amendments of the Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

3 Key

Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

| Key | Explanation | Key | Explanation |
|--------|--------------------------------|---------|---|
| AIA | = Acts Interpretation Act 1954 | (prev) | = previously |
| amd | = amended | proc | = proclamation |
| amdt | = amendment | prov | = provision |
| ch | = chapter | pt | = part |
| def | = definition | pubd | = published |
| div | = division | R[X] | = Reprint No.[X] |
| exp | = expires/expired | RA | = Reprints Act 1992 |
| gaz | = gazette | reloc | = relocated |
| hdg | = heading | renum | = renumbered |
| ins | = inserted | rep | = repealed |
| lap | = lapsed | (retro) | = retrospectively |
| notfd | = notified | rv | = revised edition |
| num | = numbered | s | = section |
| o in c | = order in council | sch | = schedule |
| om | = omitted | sdiv | = subdivision |
| orig | = original | SIA | = Statutory Instruments Act 1992 |
| p | = page | SIR | = Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002 |
| para | = paragraph | SL | = subordinate legislation |
| prec | = preceding | sub | = substituted |
| pres | = present | unnum | = unnumbered |
| prev | = previous | | |

4 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

| Reprint No. | Amendments included | Effective | Notes |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | none | 1 November 2003 | |
| 1A | 2004 SL No. 117 | 2 July 2004 | |
| 1B | 2005 SL No. 199 | 12 August 2005 | |
| 1C | 2005 SL No. 323 | 16 December 2005 | |
| 1D | 2006 SL No. 186 | 21 July 2006 | R1D withdrawn, see R2 |
| 2 | — | 21 July 2006 | |
| 2A | 2007 SL No. 150 | 29 June 2007 | |
| 2B | 2007 SL No. 328 | 1 January 2008 | |
| 2C | 2008 SL No. 227 | 18 July 2008 | |
| 2D | 2009 SL No. 92 | 1 July 2009 | |
| 2E | 2009 SL No. 153 | 17 July 2009 | |

5 List of legislation

Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003 SL No. 266

made by the Governor in Council on 30 October 2003

notfd gaz 31 October 2003 pp 691–4

ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification

remaining provisions commenced 1 November 2003 (see s 2)

exp 1 September 2014 (see SIA s 54)

Note—The expiry date may have changed since this reprint was published. See the latest reprint of the SIR for any change.

amending legislation—

Plumbing and Drainage Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2004 SL No. 117

notfd gaz 2 July 2004 pp 705–7

commenced on date of notification

Plumbing and Drainage Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2005 SL No. 199

notfd gaz 12 August 2005 pp 1297–1303

commenced on date of notification

Plumbing and Drainage Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2005 SL No. 323 pts 1–2

notfd gaz 16 December 2005 pp 1490–6

commenced on date of notification (see s 2(a))

Building and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006 SL No. 186 pts 1, 4

notfd gaz 21 July 2006 pp 1382–3

commenced on date of notification

Building and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2007 SL No. 150 pts 1, 4

notfd gaz 29 June 2007 pp 1157–65
commenced on date of notification

Plumbing and Drainage and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007 SL No. 328 pts 1, 3

notfd gaz 14 December 2007 pp 2131–5
ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification
remaining provisions commenced 1 January 2008 (see s 2)

Building and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2008 SL No. 227 pts 1, 4

notfd gaz 18 July 2008 pp 1710–12
commenced on date of notification

Building and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2009 SL No. 92 pts 1, 4

notfd gaz 19 June 2009 pp 707–11
ss 1–2 commenced on date of notification
remaining provisions commenced 1 July 2009 (see s 2)

Plumbing and Drainage Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2009 SL No. 153 pts 1–2

notfd gaz 17 July 2009 pp 1103–4
commenced on date of notification

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SCHEDULE 1—QUALIFICATIONS, PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR PLUMBERS AND DRAINERS LICENCES

amd 2005 SL No. 323 s 4

SCHEDULE 3—QUALIFICATIONS, PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR ENDORSEMENTS

amd 2007 SL No. 328 s 17; 2009 SL No. 153 s 3

SCHEDULE 4—FEES

sub 2004 SL No. 117 s 3; 2005 SL No. 199 s 3
amd 2005 SL No. 323 s 5
sub 2006 SL No. 186 s 7; 2007 SL No. 150 s 7; 2008 SL No. 227 s 15; 2009
SL No. 92 s 8
amd 2009 SL No. 153 s 4

SCHEDULE 5—DICTIONARY

def “**apprenticeship**” amd 2005 SL No. 323 s 6(3)
def “**council**” sub 2005 SL No. 323 s 6(1)–(2)
def “**plumbing and draining apprenticeship**” amd 2005 SL No. 323 s 6(4)
def “**registered training organisation**” amd 2005 SL No. 323 s 6(5)