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Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002

**PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE REGULATION
2003**

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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

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.

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

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 37² of the Act, if—

- (a) a person applies, or indicates to the board that the person proposes to apply, to the board under section 36³ 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 Section 37 (Entitlement to licence) of the Act

3 Section 36 (Procedural requirements for application) of the Act

(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; 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; 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 maintenance (endorsement on a drainers licence)	successful completion of a course approved by the board	no prescribed practical experience	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 by the end of 1994 of a plumbing and draining apprenticeship; or (b) successful completion after 1994 of a plumbing and draining apprenticeship and successful completion of a course approved by the board; or (c) successful completion of a trade test approved by the board; or (d) 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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Application for—

(a) a licence	87.00
(b) a provisional licence	41.00
(c) a restricted licence	41.00
(d) an endorsement on a licence	11.00
(e) renewing a licence, for each year of renewal.	28.00
(f) renewing a retired person's licence under section 48(3) of the Act, for 1 year	15.00
(g) restoring a licence	28.00
(h) replacing a licence	19.00
(i) certified copy of a licence	19.00
(j) a qualification to be assessed for equivalence under section 9.	19.00

SCHEDULE 5

DICTIONARY

section 3

“apprenticeship” see the *Training and Employment Act 2000*, section 7.⁴

“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 Recognition Council established under the *Training and Employment Act 2000*, section 167.

“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 *Training and Employment Act 2000*, section 183.⁵

“registered training organisation” see the *Training and Employment Act 2000*, section 14.⁶

4 *Training and Employment Act 2000*, section 7 (What is an “apprenticeship”)

5 *Training and Employment Act 2000*, section 183 (Declaring apprenticeships or traineeships)

6 *Training and Employment Act 2000*, section 14 (What is a “registered training organisation”)

ENDNOTES

1. Made by the Governor in Council on 30 October 2003.
2. Notified in the gazette on 31 October 2003.
3. Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
4. The administering agency is the Department of Local Government and Planning.