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Guides for 'notifiable work' plumbing reforms (starting 1 November 2012) now available

Purpose

To advise plumbing and drainage licensees, local government and industry that Building Codes Queensland has published the following four documents to support the introduction of Queensland's new plumbing laws on 1 November 2012:

- *Notifiable work – A guide for plumbers and drainers*
- *Notifiable work – A guide for local governments*
- *Notifiable work Plumbing Application Service user guide for plumbers and drainers*
- *Notifiable work Plumbing Application Service user guide for local governments.*

Background

Queensland's new plumbing laws will expand the amount of work a plumber or drainer can perform without a local government permit or mandatory inspections.

The 'notifiable work' reforms will reduce red tape, delays and costs for licensees, local governments and consumers.

Notifiable work will include most plumbing and drainage work performed in existing homes including:

- kitchen and bathroom additions and renovations
- installing additional fixtures such as toilets, showers and sinks
- extending or altering pipe work.

Some plumbing and drainage work will also be able to be performed on commercial buildings.

The new process requires licensees to notify the Plumbing Industry Council (PIC) that this type of work has been performed within 10 business days of completing the work. Licensees must submit a Form 4–Notifiable Work to the PIC either electronically via the Plumbing Application Service (PAS) or manually (Form 4 books have been sent to licensees).

The fee for electronic lodgement is \$25 per form; the fee for manual lodgement is \$35 per form.

To lodge a form electronically, a licensee must first set up an account in the PAS. The PAS includes a top-up facility to provide an easy way for licensees to pay the \$25 electronic lodgement fee.

Information for plumbers and drainers

[Notifiable work – A guide for plumbers and drainers](#) assists plumbers and drainers to understand their roles and responsibilities in relation to the notifiable work reforms. It includes details of types of plumbing and drainage work, licensee obligations, compliance and offences and penalties.

The [Notifiable work plumbing application service user guide for plumbers and drainers](#) provides licensees with step-by-step details on how to prepare, submit and track electronic lodgement of Form 4s using the PAS.

Information for local governments

[Notifiable work – A guide for local governments](#) assists local governments understand their roles and responsibilities in relation to the notifiable work reforms. It includes details of types of plumbing and drainage work, the compliance program and offences and penalties.

The [Notifiable work plumbing application service user guide for local governments](#) aims to assist local governments to monitor and audit notifiable work lodgements submitted to the Plumbing Industry Council through the PAS.

All of these guidelines are available on the Department of Housing and Public works' website:
www.hpw.qld.gov.au/aboutus/ReportsPublications/Guidelines/Pages/PlumbingGuidelines.aspx

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