



LET'S TALK PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WITH COUNCIL'S PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE TEAM

Reducing risk to public health and safety

The [Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018](#) was passed by the Queensland Parliament on 11 September 2018.

The main purpose of the Act is to regulate the carrying out of plumbing and drainage work in a way that reduces risk to public health and safety and the environment.

The [Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019](#) was approved by the Governor in Council on 4 April 2019. The main purpose of the Regulation is to support the operation and implementation of the PD Act 2018 by prescribing matters provided for under the Act.

Introduce shorter time frames for obtaining authorisation for plumbing and drainage work. Approve a contemporary plumbing code that will include all plumbing and drainage standards for Queensland that are required to vary and



complement national plumbing and drainage standards.

The [Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code](#) better aligns with the National Construction Code Volume 3 and the Plumbing Code of Australia 2019.

Also, the QPW code sets out all technical requirements in a single document to improve usability.

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Fact sheets

Department of Housing and Public Works have developed [fact sheets](#) to help industry and the community prepare for these changes to the plumbing laws. By streamlining processes and promoting improved compliance we are ensuring that our plumbing and drainage industry continues to meet the growing and changing needs of Queenslanders.



Approvals

A person must apply to the local government for a permit to carry out permit or notifiable work. As a result of the new Act all plumbing permit applications submitted from 1 July 2019 must be accompanied by the new **Form 1 – Permit work application for plumbing, drainage and on-site sewerage work**.

Documents

The application for class 1 and 10a must be accompanied by 1 or more plans of the premises showing:

- the location of any existing or proposed building or structure on the property
- a floor plan showing any proposed sanitary fixtures
- the elevations
- The location on the premises, and, of each connection point to -
 1. a service provider's water supply system
 2. any other supply of water
 3. a sewerage system
 4. the invert levels, and finished surface levels
- For work on a class 1 building on a lot that is part of a community titles scheme, or on a class 2 to 9 building—
- the invert levels, and finished surface levels
- the finished surface level for each overflow relief gully
- all water meters and supply pipes
- all fixtures, reflux valves,

- overflow relief gullies, and sanitary drains
- the access points for cleaning and maintaining plumbing and drainage
- any testable backflow prevention devices

If the proposed work involves on-site sewerage work, the application must also be accompanied by plans of the premises showing:

- any existing or proposed on-site sewerage treatment system
- any vulnerable body of water that may be affected by effluent from the facility
- the location of, and connection points for, any existing on-site sewerage facility at the premises
- details about the type and size of the on-site sewage treatment

- plant
- if the on-site sewerage facility includes a secondary on-site sewerage treatment plant—a copy of the treatment plant approval for the treatment plant
- a site and soil evaluation report for the premises

If the proposed work involves installing sanitary drainage, the application must also be accompanied by:

- a site classification report, complying with AS 2870—2011, for the premises
- if the soil classification for the premises under AS 2870—2011 is H, E or P—a detail showing the articulation and a plan of the sanitary drainage indicating the articulation location



Inspections

Inspections need to be booked 48hrs before the inspection is required.

If a person requires a specific time they can ring the Plumbing Inspector on the day of inspection to discuss a nominated time. Council Plumbing Inspectors are required to sight a rough-in, drainage, elevated pipe work and sub-drain & floor waste gullies under test. Council **“no longer”** will accept a **Form 5—A testing or commissioning report, or Form 3—Covered work declaration** unless previously arranged.

Council is also required to inspect on-site sewerage systems and will **“no longer”** accept a **Form 8 —An on-site sewerage work declaration**



Final Inspections

The responsible person is required to book a Final Inspection within 7 days of completion of work.

All relevant certificates and forms relating to the responsible persons work are to be provided prior to or at the Final Inspection.

A **Form 19 - Final Inspection Certificate** will be issued if the work that has been carried out is compliant and the work is operational and fit for use. **Responsible person to be present at final inspection.**

Notifiable Work Form 4

Please refer to the QBCC website for information regarding Notifiable Work and registration details.

Council is hoping to audit notifiable work in the near future, this will be done in partnership with the QBCC.

Questions?

We are here to help.

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