

## EXAMPLE OF NOTIFIABLE WORK

A new category of plumbing work called 'notifiable work' came into effect on 1 November 2012, significantly reducing red tape, delays and costs for plumbers and drainer, local governments and customers.

Under the 'notifiable work' category, less of the routine work performed by licensed plumbers and drainers requires government approvals or inspections – including most plumbing and drainage work performed on existing homes.

The 'minor work' category has also been broadened allowing more work to be undertaken without attracting fees and inspections.

The process for licensed plumbers and drainers is as simple as lodging a Form 4 with the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) within 10 business days of completing notifiable work.

There are two options for lodging forms: electronically (\$29.70 per form) through our online customer portal, myQBCC, or by completing a paper form (\$40.10 per form).

To ensure the high standard of plumbing and drainage work in Queensland continues, QBCC will audit the lodging of forms. Also, local governments may audit notifiable work in their region.

The examples below show the requirements and costs for plumbers and drainers before 1 November 2012 and since the introduction of the notifiable work system.

### Need more information

Call QBCC on 139 333, check out our website at [www.qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au) or visit your local QBCC office.

Types of plumbing and drainage work	Before 1 November 2012	Current system
<b>Installing new items in a bathroom renovation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs \$300 to \$1600 in application fees (depending on type of work).</li> <li>• Time delays of up to 20 days for approvals, and additional time delays waiting for inspections at different stages of work.</li> <li>• Three-page application form for compliance assessment to be completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs \$29.70 (online submission) or \$40.10 (manual submission).</li> <li>• Online form can be completed in under 5 minutes.</li> <li>• Printed form (size of a CD case) is smaller than the previous form.</li> <li>• No time delays for approvals or inspections.</li> </ul>
<b>Extending any length of existing water supply piping</b>		
<b>Installing a new electric or gas hot water heater</b>		
<b>Replacing plumbing or drainage pipe</b>		
<b>Installing an apparatus such as a pump or domestic water filter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs \$300 to \$1600 in application fees (depending on type of work).</li> <li>• Time delays of up to 20 days for approvals, and additional time delays waiting for inspections at different stages of work.</li> <li>• Three-page application form for compliance assessment to be completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No forms or payments required.</li> <li>• No time delays for approvals or inspections.</li> <li>• Must be performed by a licensed person.</li> </ul>
<b>Replacing a domestic water filter cartridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensee required to perform work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No forms or payments required.</li> <li>• No time delays for approvals or inspections.</li> <li>• May be performed by an unlicensed person.</li> </ul>
<b>Replacing a water closet cistern</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs \$300 to \$1600 in application fees (depending on type of work).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No forms or payments required.</li> <li>• No time delays for approvals or inspections.</li> </ul>

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